

Boys Co-Coach of the Year

Jon Betts - Algonquin Jacobs High School

Jacobs High School, directed by IHSTCA Coach of the Year Jon Betts, had its best season in school history in 2016. Here are a few highlights:

- First Fox Valley Conference title in 37 years in the league
- 1st place at the Cary-Grove sectional, winning by 18 points over the runner-up
- Qualified all six players for the state meet
- First win over Prairie Ridge in school history
- 10th at the state meet

Here is what other coaches have to say about Coach Betts:

“Jon Betts is one of the most passionate and knowledgeable coaches in the state. He puts more time into his program than anyone I know, running four practices per night and not leaving the court until it is too dark to hit. He generally has 75-100 kids in his program and does everything for every one of those kids. There is no coach that I respect more for his dedication than Jon.”

Sean Masoncup, St. Charles North

“Jon is one of the most competitive people I have encountered in my coaching career. His competitive edge is rivaled only by his incredible character and integrity. He truly views coaching as an opportunity to teach kids how to do well beyond the tennis court.”

Matt Buhlman, St. Charles East

“No one works as hard as he does. I don’t get how he balances his family, school, tennis, and his relationships, but he does, and he does every one of them to the best of his ability. Even if that means passing out face-first on his keyboard at four in the morning trying to get one last email out ...”

Jim Benson, Prairie Ridge

Jon Betts has worked tirelessly to promote tennis at Jacobs High School and throughout the state of Illinois. Today, we would like to recognize his team’s terrific 2016 accomplishments. Congratulations, Jon, on your 2016 award as the IHSTCA Boys Coach of the Year!