

Regional Boys Coaches of the Year - Class

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Doug Gerber (Vernon Hills)

Doug Gerber's 2018 team finished 2nd in the Mundelein Carmel sectional, qualifying both doubles teams for the state meet. Doug's 18th season at the helm posted a dual record of 14-5. At the state meet, Vernon Hills scored five points to tie for 23rd in the team standings.

Chris Jones (Wheaton Academy)

Wheaton Academy had its best season ever in 2018. The Warriors won the Downers Grove sectional, qualified all 6 players for the state meet, and finished 4th in the team standings at state with 24 points. The sectional title was only the second in school history. Owen Setron and Graham Shelton finished 6th in doubles at state, while Ty Krill (singles) and Devin Greeno and Tristan Hilson (doubles) both finished in the top 12.

Dan Ballard (Washington)

Dan Ballard's Washington Panthers posted a dual record of 12-4 in 2018 and qualified his top doubles team for the state meet. At state, Ethan Sabotta and Jake Valencic finished in the top 24 to help Washington tie for 30th in the team standings. A highlight of Washington's season was a dual match win over Morton for the first time in over 30 years.

David Bergandine (Urbana University)

David Bergandine's Urbana University Illineks won the school's first sectional title in history and qualified five players for the state meet. U-High's players won three matches at state to finish in a tie for 30th place in the team standings. Four of the five state qualifiers will return for Coach Bergandine in 2019.