

Regional Girls Coaches of the Year - Class

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Keith Mills (Timothy Christian)

Keith Mills led the Timothy Christian Trojans to a 10th place finish at the 2018 state tennis tournament. Keith's top doubles team, Abygale Ahn and Cassandra Lee finished 3rd in doubles for the second consecutive year. The 10th place team finish was the second top ten finish in a row for Timothy Christian.

Steve Johnson (Ottawa)

Steve Johnson's Ottawa Pirate team won its own sectional and advanced four ladies to the state tournament. At the state meet, Ottawa finished 8th as a team. Steve's top doubles team, Ellie Gallagher and Regan O'Fallon, finished 4th in the doubles draw. The sectional title was Steve's ninth in the last thirteen years.

Brad Boeker (Metamora)

The Metamora Redbirds compiled a dual record of 12-2 in 2018, including 6-0 in the Mid-Illini Conference. Coach Boeker's team recorded strong wins over Dunlap, Normal Community, Washington, Rock Island Alleman, and Morton during the year. Brad's top doubles team advanced to the state meet and finished in the top 24, earning all-state recognition.

Carrie Watson (Marion)

The Marion Wildcats, under the direction of Carrie Watson, won their first sectional championship in school history in 2018, capturing the Herrin sectional in a very tight four-team race. Carrie's team advanced both singles players to the state meet. At state the girls combined for five wins, helping Marion to a 25th place team finish.