

Six girls coaches honored by IBCA for 2018-19 season

Seibert, Treesh, Huppenthal, Law, Allen and Winters cited as girls' District Coaches of the Year

Six Indiana high school girls basketball coaches have been chosen as 2019 Bob King Coaches of the Year by their peers in the Indiana Basketball Coaches Association, it was announced Tuesday (March 26).

Chris Seibert of Crown Point, Josh Treesh of Central Noble, Chris Huppenthal of Hamilton Southeastern, Todd Law of Oak Hill, Jeff Allen of Bedford North Lawrence and Larry Winters of Bloomington South have been selected as honorees for the 2018-19 season through voting that occurred from late January through early March, IBCA executive director Steve Witty said.

Honors are awarded according to IHSAA district boundaries, and two coaches from each district are recipients – Seibert and Treesh in District 1; Huppenthal and Law in District 2; and Allen and Winters in District 3.

Here is information about the six girls' Coach of the Year honorees.

>> Seibert guided Crown Point to a 28-1 season that included championships in the Duneland Conference, Lowell Sectional and LaPorte Regional. He is 77-27 in four seasons with the Bulldogs, and he has a 136-104 record in 10 seasons as a girls' varsity coach. He previously was the coach at Portage for six seasons, and he also was the boys' varsity coach at Hammond Morton for one season. Seibert is a 2001 graduate of Valparaiso High School and a 2005 graduate of Valparaiso University. He has been named an assistant coach for the 2019 Indiana All-Star team.

>> Treesh directed Central Noble to a 27-1 campaign that included championships in the Northeast Corner Conference, Central Noble Sectional and Winamac Regional. In eight seasons over two stints with the Cougars, he has a 125-72 record that includes one conference title, three sectional trophies, three regional crowns, one semi-state title and the 2018 Class 2A state crown. He also was the boys' varsity coach at East Noble for one season. Treesh is a 1996 graduate of East Noble and a 2001 graduate of Trine University.

>> Huppenthal led Hamilton Southeastern to a 27-1 season and the Class 4A state championship as well as titles in the Hoosier Crossroads Conference, the HSE Sectional, Kokomo Regional and LaPorte Semi-State. He is 424-114 in 23 seasons as a girls' varsity basketball coach, including a 249-76 mark in 14 seasons with the Royals. He previously was the coach for eight seasons at Highland (156-32) and one season at Kokomo (19-6). His teams have won eight sectionals, seven regionals, one semi-state and one state title. Huppenthal is a 1984 graduate of Highland High School and a 1989 graduate of Ball State. He previously was an IBCA District Coach of the Year in 2001 and 2006.

>> Law directed Oak Hill to a 25-3 slate that included the Class 2A state championship plus titles in the Central Indiana Conference, Manchester Sectional, Eastern (Greentown) Regional and Logansport Semi-State. He is 289-75 in 15 seasons as a girls' basketball varsity coach, all at Oak Hill. His Golden Eagles have won seven sectionals, five regionals, four semi-states and one state title. He also was the boys' varsity coach at Southwood for six seasons (1990-96). Law is a 1984 graduate of Oak Hill and a 1988 graduate of Taylor University. He previously was an IBCA District Coach of the Year in 2007. He has been named an assistant coach for the 2019 Indiana Junior All-Stars.

>> Allen led Bedford North Lawrence to a 23-6 season that included a share of the Hoosier Hills Conference championship and a New Albany Sectional title. Allen is 112-25 in five seasons as the varsity coach of the Lady Stars, a tenure that has included three HHC crowns, five sectional trophies and a regional championship in 2018. Allen is a 1979 graduate of Eastern Greene, where he was a standout player. He went on to become a two-year starter at Vincennes University and a two-year player at DePaul University, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees. Allen was a graduate assistant coach at DePaul in the 1980s. He returned to coaching at BNL initially as a boys' basketball assistant and then a girls' basketball assistant before being appointed the BNL girls' head coach.

>> Winters guided Bloomington South to a 21-4 season that included Conference Indiana and Columbus East Sectional championships. He is 288-158 in 20 seasons as the Panthers' varsity coach during a tenure that has included five conference titles and four sectional crowns. Winters is a 1977 graduate of Bloomington North and a 1982 graduate of Montana State University-Northern, where he was an NAIA honorable mention All-American in basketball. He previously was a boys' basketball assistant and girls' basketball assistant at Bloomington South before becoming the girls' head coach. Winters was inducted into the MSN Athletics Hall of Fame in 2000. He was head coach for the Indiana Junior All-Stars in 2008 and an assistant coach for the Indiana All-Stars in 2011.

These six coaches will receive plaques as an IBCA District Coach of the Year during the 2019 IBCA Clinic on April 26-27 at Lawrence North High School in Indianapolis. For more information about the IBCA Clinic, go to www.ibcacoaches.com.

The Coach of the Year award is named for the late Bob King, the IBCA executive director from 1984-94. King was a Lebanon native who coached at Sacred Heart and Shortridge high schools in Indianapolis before serving as an assistant basketball coach at Purdue and later an assistant and associate athletic director at Purdue.