

The Mark Karbowski 12th Player Award

The 2004 winners of the Mark Karbowski 12th Player Award of the Western New England Chapter (Wne) of the Eastern Association Intercollegiate Football Officials (Eaifo) are:

Thomas S. Mawhinney of Poughkeepsie, NY, a member of the Wne chapter since 1987 for his efforts in organizing and coordinating presentations for Div II clinics and chapter meetings over the past two years.

Joseph P. Woitkoski of Pittsfield, Ma, a member of the Wne Chapter since 1994 for his efforts as chairman of the chapter's Interpretation Committee and presenting chapter meeting topics when called upon.

The Western New England Chapter initiated the annual 12th Player award in the early 1990's to recognize a member who exemplified extraordinary efforts to help his fellow officials and the chapter. In 1996 the award was renamed the Mark Karbowski 12th Player Award in recognition of Mark Karbowski who passed away prematurely that year at the age of 46.

Mark Karbowski became a member of the EAIFO in 1985. Mark was a charter member of the Western New England Chapter which was established in 1987, and he co-authored the Chapter's Constitution and By-Laws. Mark was an excellent football official who rose to the Division I-AA ranks in 1992 as an Umpire and was highly respected by both his fellow officials and coaches. Mark was always willing to assist his fellow officials in their personal growth and development as an official and he is sorely missed. Mark was recognized for his leadership abilities when he was elected to the Executive Committee of the Western New England Chapter in 1989 and assumed the role of Chapter President in 1991.

Previous recipients of the prestigious award:

1994---Ted Tremblay, 1995---Mike Santarcangelo and Bill Mara, 1996---John and Pat Codey, 1997---Art Courtney, 1998---Mark Bulmer, 1999---Paul Barringer, 2000---Tom Heisey, 2001---Todd Boyd, 2002---Hilton Perez, Jr., 2003---Bob Brock, 2004---Tom Mawhinney and Joe Woitkoski

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