

Weber Wins Trench Trophy

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Jason Weber, whose work in the trenches helped lead the Orchard Park football team to the Section VI Class AA championship, is this year's winner of the Trench Trophy as Western New York's superior lineman.



Weber was a three-year starter for the Quakers and was named to the All-Western New York first team. At defensive tackle, the 6-foot, 265-pound senior captain led OP in tackles with 90, and at right guard he helped create openings for running back Andy Pace (1,277 yards). Weber also finished fourth in the state as a heavyweight wrestler last year, is a shot put and discus thrower in track and is an Eagle Scout.

The Trench Trophy was created last year by the Lancaster Elks Club, which will host an award ceremony Dec. 14 at which Weber will be presented with a \$500 scholarship. He will also be honored at Saturday's Western New York football banquet.

The Trench Trophy Committee, which included more than 50 scouts and coaches who attended games and viewed films throughout the season, picked an honor roll of top linemen each week before selecting 11 finalists.

The other finalists were: Tim Brown (Burgard), Steve Coan (Frewsburg), Matt Langworthy (Southwestern), Ian Margerum (Hamburg), Matt Miller (Portville), Alex Port (North Tonawanda), Adam Rosner (Depew), Adriel Santiago (South Park), Chris Smith (St. Francis) and Doug Worthington (St. Francis).