

Rodriguez Wins Hardware

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The 2006 football season continues to get better for Gil Rodriguez of Frontier.



Rodriguez was selected Wednesday as the winner of the Trench Trophy, which goes to the top lineman in Western New York. The presentation was made at the Lancaster Elks Lodge.

Rodriguez, a 250-pounder, was part of a Frontier Team that made a break-through in his senior year. He suffered through two losing seasons with the Falcons before they finished 5-3 in 2006.



“He plays both ways, whistle to whistle,” said Phil Rizzi, co-chairman of the selection committee. “He’s known for his pancake blocks. He hustles and enjoys blocking.”

The other finalists were: Mike Appenheimer (Maryvale), Andrew Apperson (Maple Grove), Anthony Benson (Grover Cleveland), Carlton Byrum (Depew), Joseph DePalma (Silver Creek), Abdullah Hadi (Lackawanna), Nicholas Kakavand (Iroquois), Gil Rodriguez (Frontier), Christopher Skubis (Clarence), and Harrison Steinwald (St. Joe's).