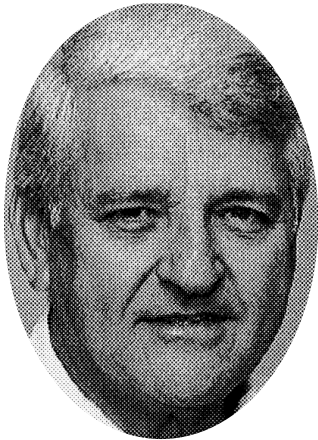


Joe Marchese



Joe Marchese played all of the major sports in Norwalk, but his greatest achievements came in his work with the youth of Norwalk.

Marchese is the founder of the *David Kinlock Memorial Trophy*, with his friend and coach Erik Fiedler, and for 14 years he worked with Little Leaguers and Boy Scouts.

Joe founded the *Kinlock Memorial Trophy* 22 years ago when David, who was a 12-year-old member of one of Marchese's Little League teams, was accidentally electrocuted trying to retrieve a football in a tree. Marchese and Fiedler, along with sculptor Ron Cavalier, developed the award, which is awarded annually to a local 12-year-old Little Leaguer. The award was designed by Frank Ellique, who designed the Heisman Trophy.

From 1964 through 1977, Marchese managed teams in the International Cap, International League, Little League, Jr. Babe Ruth and Sr. Babe Ruth Leagues, with coaches Eric Fiedler, Joe Corsello, Ace Contortini, and Neil Olsen, former Detroit Tigers pitcher.

In 1971, he served as assistant coach of the Rangers of Pop Warner League. And from 1964 to 1975 he was a Cubmaster and later Scoutmaster of Boy Scouts of America Pack 69 at Kendall School.

Marchese played basketball with the Shooting Stars as a youngster, and football with the Springwood Tigers in 1946-'47. An interior lineman, he played both ways under Coach Ted Ruta. Some of his teammates included "Ships" Maestro, Joe Muoio, Charlie and Bucky Rossi, and the Ruta brothers.

Joe was an average hitter on the Caballero's and YPHA baseball teams, but he was an excellent defensive outfielder with a good arm and speed. In the mid-'50s he put these talents to good use with the LZ Club softball team, playing with and against some of the better players of the era, including Cannonball Baker, who was in the twilight of his career. Sam Valoff, Joe and Johnny Buschbaum, Mimi Lawrence, Rocky and Mike Marucci, and Ralph Tucci.

He is married to the former Vera Santangelo and the couple has three children. Marchese retired in 1993 from the position of business manager, IBEU. They live at 24 Gillies Lane.