

Kenosha Unified Athletics – Hall of Fame Inductee – Class of 1984

Eddie Hartnek – 1936

A product of the depression years, Eddie Hartnek's career as a champion diver at Kenosha High School never reached fruition because the school board could not afford to send him on through state meet competition. While in high school, though, Eddie earned 9 letters in swimming, football, and track, and was the state diving champ in 1934.

The death of his father ended Eddie's attempts to further his education at Creighton University, and instead, he joined the Cooper Cardinal football team, where in 1940/41, he was the team's leading punter, runner, and passer. After 4 years, a time in the service where he was on the base champion swim team in the Aleutian Islands, Eddie joined the skilled trades as a maintenance man at American Motors, retiring from there recently. Still a trim 140, Eddie bowls often in the classic leagues, showing he continues to be a champion.

