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Dartmouth's McCorkle, St. Anselm's Adam Named Recipients of

New England Football Writers Coach of the Year Awards

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. – A pair of first-time honorees have been named the University and College Division Coaches of the Year by the New England Football Writers. Dartmouth College head man Sammy McCorkle and St. Anselm College mentor Joe Adam will be presented the awards at the New England Football Writers Captains and Awards Banquet on Thursday, December 7, at the Sheraton Framingham (Mass.) Hotel and Conference Center.

McCorkle, the recipient of the Jack Grinold University Division Coach of the Year Award, took over the Dartmouth program in March. His ascension to Robert L. Blackman Head Football Coach came after tragedy twice struck the Dartmouth program that month when team member Josh Balara passed away following a battle with cancer and Dartmouth legend and then current coach Buddy Teevens was injured in a bicycling accident that eventually cost him his life. McCorkle had been on Teevens' staff for 18 years and was named the interim coach in March. On October 19, McCorkle had the interim tag removed. He guided Dartmouth, which had been picked in pre-season to finish sixth in the league, to a share of the Ivy League title with a 5-2 record in the League and was 6-4 overall. McCorkle was named Ivy League Coach of the Year. Including McCorkle's selection, Dartmouth head coaches have received the award nine times.

"I'm so grateful to be selected for this award by the New England Writers Association," McCorkle says. "It is an honor to represent Dartmouth College and our entire football program. This would not have been possible without the resilience of our players and staff during a difficult past year."

In his eighth season as head coach of St. Anselm, Adam is the first coach of the Hawks to earn NEFW College Division Coach of the Year Honors. Selected as the 2023 Northeast-10 Coach of the Year, Adam led St. Anselm to a 6-4 overall record and a second-place tie in the NE-10 at 5-2. Prior to taking the reins with the Hawks, Adam spent two years at Syracuse as the offensive line coach. Before that he was at Elmhurst College for eight years, serving as the Bluejays' head coach in 2013. Adam also coached at Western Michigan University and his alma mater Grand Valley State where he was a member of a staff that won two Division II National titles.

"First, I would like to thank God for without him this accomplishment would not be possible," Adam said. "Victory is not just about winning games; it's about inspiring a team to believe in themselves, pushing each player to reach their fullest potential, and fostering a culture of blue-collar mentality. This award is a testament to the collective effort, dedication, and heart that our team at Saint Anselm had shown

throughout the season. It's not just my victory; it's a victory for every player, coach, and supporter who has been a part of this incredible journey. We rise together, we fall together, and we triumph together. Thank you to the New England Football Writers for recognizing the hard work and determination that defines our team's spirit."

Any persons wishing to attend the NEFW Banquet can make reservations on-line at <https://newenglandfootballwriters.com/captains-%26-awards-banquet>. Reservations are non-refundable and must be made by 5:00PM, Friday, December 1.

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