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CAPE COD, Mass. (January 9, 2006) – Football officials Daniel Carr (Pittsburgh, Penn.), William Mara (Pittsfield, Mass.) and Edwin Shanahan (Peabody, Mass.) have been named the 2005 recipients of the Eastern College Athletic Conference's Red Hill Awards. The awards recognize the ECAC Football Officials of the Year.

Carr, who is in his 19th season as a collegiate football official and Shanahan, a collegiate football official for 22 seasons, join Mara who was an ECAC official for 27 years prior to retiring in 1994. The three will be recognized for their outstanding contributions to the ECAC, the Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Football Officials (EAIFO) and football officiating.

Carr has been a collegiate official since 1987 and high school official since 1978. He has been the Director of the Western Pennsylvania Chapter of the EAIFO since 2001. Carr officiated the 2002 NCAA Division I-AA National Championship, and this past season was on the field for the NCAA Division II Second Round playoff game. He has officiated other memorable games such as the Lehigh vs. Lafayette 135th game as well as the 120th Harvard vs. Yale game. Carr, the Director of Internal Auditing for the Community College of Allegheny County, and his wife Nancy have three children and live in Franklin Park, Pennsylvania.

Mara has been retired from college football since 1994 after working as a referee for 27 years including the last three years at the Division I-AA level. He has worked tirelessly for the Western New England Chapter as the Secretary and Treasurer since 1987 and has been a 30-year member of the Berkshire County Football Officials Association. Throughout his tenure on the field, Mara officiated three NCAA playoff games. He is currently the webmaster of the EAIFO web site and resides in Pittsfield, Massachusetts with his wife Elena of 48 years, three children and six grandchildren. He retired from General Electric in 1993 as the Information Systems Design Analyst.

Shanahan has been an ECAC college umpire for 22 years including the last five at the Division I-AA level. A rules interpreter and on-field technician for the Boston Chapter, Shanahan has been a valuable asset to his chapter by also being a mentor in the Chapter's Mentoring

Program which assists new officials to the college ranks. Shanahan has worked several ECAC playoff games and three NCAA Division III games. He was a member of the American Amateur Football Association working several national playoff games and also an umpire in the Eastern Football League. The founder of Ed Shanahan Associates, he is a registered lobbyist in Massachusetts and works on behalf of real estate interests throughout the Commonwealth. Born and raised in East Boston, he and his wife Dolly have three daughters and reside in nearby Peabody.

The award is named for Red Hill, who was an ECAC on-field official for 29 years. Hill served as the director of the EAIFO Boston Chapter for 12 years and served as Vice President and President of the EAIFO. Hill was responsible for instituting many of the EAIFO policies and for making numerous contributions to the EAIFO and college football officiating.

All three officials will be honored at the Eastern College Football Awards Banquet presented by FieldTurf on February 7 at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, New Jersey.

Tickets for the dinner are \$62.00 and checks must be received prior to February 1. Please mail checks to ECAC, 1311 Craigville Beach Road, Centerville, Mass. 02632. Attn: Eastern College Football Banquet.