



**AAE Founder, John Marzucco, Inducted into
Pennsylvania High School Track & Field Hall of Fame**

Royersford, PA – March 3, 2008 – AAE (Aluminum Athletic Equipment Co.) founder, John Marzucco, entered the Pennsylvania High School Track & Field Hall of Fame at its 14th Annual Induction Ceremony held on Saturday, March 1st at the Pennsylvania Track & Field Coaches' Association's (PTFCA) Indoor Track Championships. The event was hosted by Mr. Marzucco's alma mater, Pennsylvania State University in State College, PA, where he was a star hurdler while attaining his engineering degree from 1926-1930.

“Mr. Marzucco's contributions to Track & Field began in the state of Pennsylvania, but they extended worldwide,” commented a PTFCA committee member. “He is honored today as both a winning coach and an innovator of track & field equipment in a career that spanned over fifty years.”

Accepting this posthumous award on Mr. Marzucco's behalf was his nephew and current AAE President, Tim Driscoll. “My uncle would have loved this,” reflected Driscoll. “He was a humble man, but would have appreciated the recognition of his accomplishments – especially when it involved his deep passion for track and field.”

John Marzucco's positions in the track world included more than a quarter century of coaching, first at Cheltenham and later at Lower Merion, where his teams won

championships in 1957 and 1966. His most prominent athlete was national record holder George Hearn, also a Hall of Fame inductee. While coaching, Marzucco served in various administrative capacities and was one of the co-founders of the Coaches Association of Greater Philadelphia. Marzucco was also a Penn Relays official for over 40 years.

Since inventing and patenting the aluminum rocker hurdle in 1950 for the track marketplace, AAE has introduced a multitude of new products for use by coaches and athletes worldwide. With the use of advanced technology and design innovations, the firm makes over 400 items for track & field, football, soccer, field hockey, lacrosse, baseball, softball and rugby. AAE develops, fabricates and assembles most products at its Royersford headquarters and manufacturing location near Philadelphia.



John Marzucco (Photo taken in 1957)

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