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Hamilton native inducted into athletic hall of fame

Rob Etherington, a native of Hamilton, is one of six people to be inducted into the Athletic Hall of Fame at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo Friday.

The 39-year-old Burlington resident, who played defensive end on the university's football team from 1972 to 1974, will be honored at a reception and dinner.

Etherington distinguished himself as an All Star in the Ontario University Athletic Association all three years and as an All Canadian in the Canadian Interuniversity Athletic Union in 1972 and 1973. He was the Hawks' team captain in 1974.

He was a member of the provincial championship team in 1972 and 1973 and the Atlantic Bowl championship team in 1972.

Laurier's football coach and director of athletics, Rich Newbrough, credits Etherington's bone-crushing tackle in a game against the Western Mustangs for the win that claimed the university's first provincial football title in 1972.

Etherington, who graduated with a BA, is now a general contractor.