
Jim Karwoski

Jim Karwoski graduated from Freedom in 1962, winning 10 varsity letters in football, basketball, and track and field. He was named to the All-County team in all three sports and was the 1962 WPIAL track MVP. He won both the PIAA gold medal in both the shot put and the javelin.

After his career at Freedom, Karwoski went on to play football and track and field at West Virginia University. He lettered all four years in track and field and left Morgantown with the school shot put record. On the football field, he set the school record for tackles with 24 against Syracuse, the year the Orangemen went to the Sugar Bowl.

Upon graduation, he taught at Freedom for a year, returned to WVU to earn a master's degree, and then started a 35-year career at Penn State Beaver. Karwoski was the head baseball coach for 24 years, achieving a 717-378-9 record and winning 19 conference championships. Jim was coach of the year 16 times. He also served the Keystone Games for 23 years in various capacities and was a member of the 1991 Olympics Selection Committee.

Karwoski is also a member of the Beaver County Sports and Junior College Baseball Halls of Fame. He has retired from Penn State and lives with his wife, Marta, in Brighton Township. He and Marta have two children.

