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MASSACHUSETTS BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 23, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Josh Lampron of Mansfield High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Lampron is the first Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Mansfield High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the track, distinguishes Lampron as Massachusetts's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Lampron joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ryan Hall (1999-01, Big Bear HS, Calif.), Meb Keflezighi (1993-94, San Diego HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.) and Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt HS, Ia.).

The 5-foot-10 junior won the mile run with a time of 4:05.99 at this month's New Balance Outdoor National, producing the nation's No. 5 performance among prep competitors in 2011 entering this week's USA Track & Field Junior Outdoor Championships. A Boys Indoor Track All-Scholastic selection as named by *The Boston Globe*, Lampron broke the tape in the 800-meter run in 1:54.03 at the All-State Meet, leading the Hornets to the state championship as a team. Lampron also won the 800-meter race in 1:54.61 at the Eastern Mass. Division 2 championships in addition to anchoring the winning 4x800-meter quartet that broke the tape in 8:03.88. During the indoor season this past winter, he won the mile run at the Eastern Mass. Division 2 and All-State meets, and then placed seventh at the New Balance Indoor Nationals.

Lampron has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. A member of the school's marching and concert band, he has donated his time raking leaves for the elderly and has volunteered more than 200 hours of community service on behalf the Boy Scouts of America as an Eagle Scout.

"He's so athletic that he could be the state champion in anything from the 400 to the 5K," said Courtney Wilk, head coach of rival Foxborough High. "He's a great athlete. The kids on my team respect him a great deal. He's definitely someone that all the other athletes in this state look up to and want to compete against. He's at that elite level."

Lampron will begin his senior year of high school this fall.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by ESPN RISE and the Gatorade high school sports leadership team, which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Lampron joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Sam Bombaugh (2009-10, Falmouth), Mark Vetere (2008-09, Andover), and Omar Aden (2007-08, Charlestown) among the state's list of former award winners.

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