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CUMBERLAND HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE RHODE ISLAND BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 17, 2013) — In its 28th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Trevor Crawley of Cumberland High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year. Crawley is the first Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the racecourse, distinguishes Crawley as Rhode Island's best high school boys cross country runner. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year award to be announced in January, Crawley joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ryan Hall (1999-00, 2000-01, Big Bear HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Kevin Garnett (1992-93, Maudlin HS, S.C.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The 5-foot-8 senior raced to the All-State Meet individual state championship this past season with a time of 15:39.47, leading the Clippers to fifth place as a team. A First Team All-State selection as named by the Providence Journal and Rhode Island Track Coaches Association, Crawley also won the Class A individual title in 15:52.20. Crawley captured second place at the New England Championships with a time of 16:14.21, placed sixth at the Foot Locker Northeast Regional Championships in 15:47.3 and finished 38th at the national Foot Locker Cross Country Championships. He concluded his senior season unbeaten against Rhode Island competition.

Also a track standout, Crawley has maintained a B average in the classroom. In addition to participating in the National Guard's youth leadership program, he has volunteered on behalf of Cumberland's recreation department, where he has also donated his time as a youth track and soccer instructor.

"Trevor is a very dedicated, internally motivated young man," said Cumberland head coach Thomas Kenwood. "He wants to win and pushes himself each and every day in practice and races. He is goal-oriented, sets high standards for himself and so far has attained the goals."

Crawley remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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 the Gatorade high school sports leadership team in partnership with <u>USA TODAY High School</u> <u>Sports</u>, 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.

Crawley joins Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Cross Country Runners of the Year Mike Marsella (2011-12, Chariho High School), Ryan Meehan (2010-11, Bishop Hendricken), Jake Sienko (2009-10, Bishop Hendricken), Andrew Springer (2008-09, Westerly), and Nick Ross (2007-08, East Greenwich) as athletes who have won the cross country award since its inception in 2007.

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