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**SOUHEGAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 15, 2015) — In its 30th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Eli Moskowitz of Souhegan High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year. Moskowitz is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year to be chosen from Souhegan 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 racecourse, distinguishes Moskowitz as New Hampshire'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, Moskowitz 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 6-foot, 140-pound senior finished 26th at the national Foot Locker Cross Country Championships with a time of 15:59 this past season. A three-time NHCCCA Division 2 All-State honoree, Moskowitz raced to individual titles at both the Division 2 championships in 15:58.20 and the Meet of Champions in 15:32.40. Also the Runner of the Year as named by the New Hampshire Cross Country Coaches Association and Nashua Telegraph, Moskowitz took seventh at the Foot Locker Northeast Regional championships in 15:40.50. He finished fifth at the New England Cross Country Championships, clocking a 15:54.

Moskowitz has maintained a 3.39 GPA in the classroom. In addition to mentoring refugee children from Asia and fundraising for Solar Cooker International's efforts to provide sustainable cooking materials in Africa, he has also volunteered at the Lowell Transitional Living Center and as part of the Hope for Gus Foundation's efforts to benefit muscular dystrophy research. Moskowitz has also maintained trails at Acadia National Park and served as a trail monitor for USA Track & Field.

"Eli Moskowitz has been a force in New Hampshire running for his entire high school career," said Stan Lyford, head coach of rival Portsmouth High. "And this year was clearly his best."

Moskowitz will attend Brown University this fall, where he will continue his running career.

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 the Gatorade high school sports leadership team in partnership with [USA TODAY High School Sports](#), 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.

Moskowitz joins Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Cross Country Runners of the Year Jeremy Brassard (2013-14 & 2012-13, Coe-Brown Northwood Academy), Colton Ham (2011-12, Merrimack Valley High School), Samuel Gagnon (2010-11, Manchester Central High School), Eric Jenkins (2009-10, Portsmouth), Eric Malnati (2008-09, Fall Mountain Regional), and Alex McGrath (2007-08, ConVal) as athletes who have won the cross country award since its inception in 2007.

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