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ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 19, 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 Sean Caveney of Andover High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Caveney is the second Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Andover 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 Caveney 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, Caveney 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 6-foot, 165-pound senior won the 400-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 55.01 seconds at the All-State meet this past season, helping the Golden Warriors to the team title. A Boston Globe Boys' Indoor Track All-Scholastic selection this past winter, Caveney also took third in the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.47 and ran the third leg of the second-place 4x400-meter relay quartet that clocked a 3:20.13. His season-best 400-meter hurdles time of 54.35 ranked as the nation's No. 51 among prep competitors in 2015 at the time of his selection.

Caveney has maintained a 4.37 weighted GPA in the classroom. A freshman orientation leader and president of his school's initiative to promote excellence in character and sportsmanship at area elementary and middle schools, he has served as a member of Andover's DECA and environmental clubs, school spirit board and National Honor Society chapter. Caveney has also volunteered locally at an animal shelter and as a tutor at the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence.

"Sean is one of the most gifted athletes who we have ever competed against," said Steve Nugent, head coach of rival North Andover High. "His range on the track is truly amazing. He is simply a gifted athlete. I have been equally impressed by Sean's sportsmanship and the incredible level of character he displays—both on and off of the track. I believe he is respected and admired by not only his teammates, but by most opposing athletes and coaches."

Caveney has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at Davidson College 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 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.

Caveney joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Garrett O'Toole (2013-14, Middlesex School), Alex Niemiec (2012-13, Chicopee Comprehensive High School), Josh Lampron (2011-12 & 2010-11, Mansfield High School), Sam Bombaugh (2009-10, Falmouth), Mark Vetere (2008-09, Andover), Omar Aden (2007-08, Charlestown), and Mark Amirault (2006-07, Xaverian Brothers) among the state's list of former award winners.

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