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**SOUHEGAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Eli Moskowitz of Souhegan High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Moskowitz is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Athlete 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 track, distinguishes Moskowitz as New Hampshire'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, Moskowitz 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 2014-15 Gatorade State Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year, the 6-foot, 140-pound senior captured three individual state titles at the Division II state meet and led the Sabers to a second-place finish as a team. Moskowitz won the 800-meter run in 2:00.46, the 1600 in 4:21.76 and the 3200 in 10:03.69. Moskowitz broke the state record in the 3200 by nearly 15 seconds at the Loucks Games in New York with his 8:44.79 clocking, which ranked as the nation's No. 3 performance among prep competitors in 2015 at the time of his selection. His season-best 1600 of 4:09.64 ranked No. 30 nationally.

Moskowitz has maintained a 3.39 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally with Lowell Transitional Living Center and as part of the Hope for Gus Foundation's efforts to benefit muscular dystrophy research.

"Eli Moskowitz went 15 seconds faster than the state record in a meet earlier in the season," said Mike Lyford, head coach of Portsmouth High. "He had a completely dominant season."

Moskowitz will attend Brown University, where he will run with the cross country and track teams 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.

Moskowitz joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year John Cioffredi (2013-14, Lebanon High School), Zak Jenkins (2012-13, Nashua North High School), Romario Bailey (2011-12, Stevens High School), D'Mahl McFadden (2010-11, Merrimack Valley High School), Dominic Filiano (2009-10, Lebanon), Mike Marshall (2008-09, Salem), Matt Paulson (2007-08, Central), and Gabe Danó (2006-07, Merrimack) among the state's list of former award winners.

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