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Mark Carroll and Dave Roberts named USA Track and Field–New England’s Co-Athlete of the Month



Mark Carroll

BOSTON – **Mark Carroll** of Providence, RI and **Dave Roberts** of the Boston Red Sox have been co-named as USA Track & Field – New England’s Athletes of the Month for October 2004.

Carroll, who ran for Ireland in the 2004 Athens Olympics, had a busy October. He won the Ollie McCourt USATF-New England 5 mile Championship in South Boston on October 3. Just one week later, he ran 1:07:17 for 9th place in the BAA Half Marathon. Carroll went on to win the men’s title at the 15th annual Mayor’s Cup Cross-Country Races at Boston’s Franklin Park on October 25, running a fast 23:53 for the 8K course.



Dave Roberts

Roberts, reserve centerfielder for the Boston Red Sox, has been named co-honoree for October on the strength of his superb running in the American League Championship Series against the New York Yankees. In the 9th inning of game 4, with the Red Sox down three games to none and facing elimination,

Roberts was sent in as a pinch runner. He promptly stole second base off Yankee closer, Mariano Rivera, then sped home with the tying run when Bill Mueller singled. Roberts’ base running exploits continued in game 5 as the Red Sox surged back against the Yankees.

USA Track & Field – New England is second to none in appreciating the value of running in sports, and is proud to honor Roberts for what analysts have touted as the pivot point in the Red Sox amazing comeback against the Yankees. This paved the way for a four game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals to win the World Series.

In other outstanding performances, **Marzuki Stevens**, of Somerville, MA was 5th American and 21st overall with a 2:22:28 performance at the Chicago Marathon on October 10 and **Craig Fram**, age 45 of Plaistow, NH, won the masters division in 2:29:36. Boston College track assistant coach, **John Mortimer**, had two runner-up finishes to Mark Carroll at the Ollie McCourt 5 Miler and Mayor’s Cup Cross-Country Races mentioned above.

At the USA National Masters 5K Cross-Country Championships in Saratoga Springs, NY, **Carrie Parsi** of Gloucester, MA won the women’s 65-69 (W65) age division title and **Dan Geer** of Bennington, VT won the M85 title. Other New England medallists included **Richard Larsen** of Brattleboro, VT, 2nd in M55, **Liz Szawlowski** of Sugar Hill, NH, 2nd in W70, **Bill Spencer** of Litchfield, NH, 3rd in M65 and **Mary Harada** of West Newbury, MA, 3rd in the W65 division.

A highlight of the November calendar will be the USATF – New England Cross-Country Championships on November 7 at Franklin Park in Boston, which will also feature the USA Masters National 8K Cross-Country Championships.

Athlete of the Month

is a new program for USATF- New England and is designed to recognize outstanding performers at all levels of the sport. USATF-NE will name a new honoree each month and feature the athlete on the USATF-NE website.

USATF New England provides opportunities for athletes of all ages to pursue excellence in long distance running, race walking, and track and field, from grassroots to the elite level.