



Matt Maloney Named USATF – New England Athlete of the Month for May

BOSTON – **Matt Maloney** of Barrington, RI has been named USA Track & Field New England's Athlete of the Month for May 2005. Maloney, a senior at La Salle Academy in Providence, Rhode Island broke his own Rhode Island state and New England scholastic record in the javelin by almost 20 feet, with a mighty throw of 231-5 at the Hartford Public Scholastic Meet on May 14. Maloney's throw is the third best ever for a high school athlete in the U.S. using the new implement javelin, and is almost 10 feet beyond any other throw in the nation this year.



LaSalle Academy Athletic Administrator, **Ted Quigley**, described Maloney as a naturally gifted athlete who works extremely hard in practice, setting an example of commitment and hard work that has helped a number of his teammates exceed expectations.

Asked about his record throw, Maloney cited technique improvement facilitated by his coach, former U.S. record holder and two-time Olympian, **Tom Petranoff**. "What I was doing with my upper body and lower body came together that day," he said. This fall Maloney will attend the University of Oregon where he will continue to compete in the javelin throw as well as the hammer.

On May 2, at Stanford's Cardinal Invitational, **Amy Rudolph** of Providence, RI, won the 10,000m in a then world-leading time of 31:18.96. This gave Rudolph,

who was honored as USATF – New England's Athlete of the Month this past January, the second fastest time ever for an American woman.

Leigh Petranoff, a freshman at Cranston (RI) West High School, qualified for the World Under-Age-17 World Championships on May 18, by throwing the javelin 141'1" (43.00m). The world championship meet will be held in Marrakesh, Morocco this July.

Running at the Payton Jordan US Open on May 29 at Stanford University, **Jen Toomey** of Salem, MA posted a fast 4:08.26 for the 1500m.

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.