

Ricardo Jaquite Named USATF – New England’s Athlete of the Month for April



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BOSTON – **Ricardo Jaquite**, age 17, a junior at Madison Park High School in Roxbury, MA, has been named USA Track & Field – New England's Athlete of the Month for April 2009. Ricardo won the high school boys triple jump at the Penn Relays on April 25, beating 19 other competitors as he spanned 49' 1 1/2". In March, at the Nike Indoor Nationals held at the Reggie Lewis track, Jaquite jumped a personal best of 49' 11" as he placed second.

Ricardo moved from Lisbon, Portugal in July 2008 to live with his aunt and uncle in Quincy. Already an accomplished jumper before coming to the U.S., Ricardo was ranked first in the triple jump in the junior division in Portugal. Nonetheless, his coach at Madison Park, Colin Rose, notes that Ricardo has improved by two feet since the beginning of the year and describes Ricardo as a very hard worker who doesn't just rely on his abundant natural

talent.

Jaquite is a student in the High Tech Academy at Madison Park, where he is pursuing his interest in interactive media.

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