

Patrick Moulton Named USATF-New England Athlete of the Month for October



Photo: Steve Vaitones

BOSTON – **Patrick Moulton**, age 28, of Providence, RI, has been named USA Track & Field – New England’s Athlete of the Month for October 2010. On October 17, Moulton, who competes for the BAA, won the BayState Marathon in Lowell in a time of 2:24:41. The BayState Marathon was the seventh and final event of the 2010 USATF-New England Road Racing Grand Prix Series, and in winning the championship marathon, Pat helped the BAA to win the Grand Prix team title. He also tied for second in the individual Grand Prix standings, garnering 30 points, while running four of the seven races.

The BayState Marathon was run in bright sunshine with comfortably cool temperatures. After the half marathon, Moulton was one of nine runners in the lead pack, as they began the second of two loops along the Merrimack River.

Other runners dropped back, until Moulton and BAA teammate Terry Shea shared the lead with four miles left. Shea built a 5 second lead with a mile to go, but a tight hamstring slowed him down. Moulton drew even and after an extended battle, Pat was able to surge to a 3 second victory.

Pat and his twin brother Casey grew up in Pelham, New Hampshire. Since their early teens, they have followed different paths yet, curiously, have achieved similar results. They went to different high schools. Pat was NH state cross country champ while Casey turned to baseball, basketball and tennis. Pat went on to Providence College where he starred in track and cross country, while Casey attended UMass-Lowell and did not run track at all, though once he started training seriously, he made an immediate impact on the New England road racing scene.

Both have attained regional prominence and some national attention as marathoners. In an almost uncanny twin performance, both brothers achieved breakthrough personal bests on the same day and in the same marathon, finishing only 9 seconds apart at the 2007 Freescale Austin Marathon in Texas where Casey ran a terrific 2:15:26 and Patrick almost matched him with a 2:15:35 finish. They each ran the U.S. Olympic Trials for the Men’s Marathon in 2008, where Patrick had the better day, finishing 28th in 2:18:55.

Although Patrick ran for the Hansons team in Michigan for two years, in moving back to Providence, he also returned to his long-term coach, Ray Treacy.