

Katie DiCamillo Named USATF-New England Athlete of the Month for February



Photo: courtesy Ras na hEireann

BOSTON – **Katie DiCamillo**, age 23 of Providence, RI, who competes for New Balance Boston, has been named USA Track & Field – New England’s Athlete of the Month for February 2011.

DiCamillo traveled to Ireland for her first international competition, running in the Armagh 3000 meter road race on February 10 and the 4000 meter Ras na hEireann International Cross Country race on February 13. Katie qualified for the trip by winning the women’s division in the 2010 New England Cross Country Championships last November. Accordingly, **Tim Ritchie** (Brighton, MA, BAA) the men’s winner at the aforementioned New England Championships, also competed in the races in Ireland.

Charlie Breagy of Exeter, RI, race director of the CVS / Downtown 5K, who also works on the management of the Ras race for his home club in Ireland, has arranged this annual international racing opportunity for the male and female winners of the New England cross country championships for more than 10 years. Accordingly, **Tim Ritchie** (Brighton, MA, BAA), the men’s winner at the New England Championships, also competed in the races in Ireland.

The 3K Armagh Road Race was run on a 1K loop course through the center of town. Competing against runners from England, Ireland and Scotland, Katie DiCamillo placed a close fourth with a time of 9:41.76. Three days later at the 4K Ras na Heirann– the site of Ireland’s “Battle of the Boyne” in 1690 – Katie came back strongly, and won the cross country race by 11 seconds, finishing in 13:32

DiCamillo grew up on Long Island, NY, where she set 10 school records at Holy Trinity High School and set the girls’ record on the famed Van Cortland Park 2.5 mile cross country course. She moved on to Providence College where she won two ECAC titles in the 5000 meters, the second as a graduate student at PC in her last year of eligibility. Katie went on to finish 18th in the 10,000 meters at the 2010 NCAA Division I Track & Field Championships in a time of 33:53.61. Her personal best for the 10K track race is 33:41, achieved during the 2011 outdoor season. This missed by one second USATF’s “A” standard for this year’s U.S. Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

Looking to the future, Katie is focused on continuing to improve on the track and in cross country, seeing herself as capable of breaking through to a true national class level, especially in the longer distances.