

Keelin Godsey Named USATF-New England Athlete of the Month for June



Keelin Godsey (photo by Justin Kuo)

Keelin Godsey of North Adams, MA, has been named USATF-New England's Athlete of the Month for June 2011.

On June 12 at the USATF New England Championships at Regis College, Keelin won the women's hammer with a throw of 222'9". That was followed with a 226'0" throw on June 25 in Eugene, Oregon to take third place at the USA Outdoor Track & Field Championships.

The winning mark at the New England meet was a facility record, the top point-rated performance of all events contested at the meet, and the longest throw in the New England meet in over 10 years. It was also a personal record, and ranked eighth in the field of entries for the National Championships.

Two weeks later at the USA meet, Godsey achieved another personal best, this time by over a meter, to 68.90 meters, or 226'0". That distance was just 10 centimeters short of the qualifying standard for the 2011 World Championships. Competitions in several other meets in the following month fell short of the world mark.

The Colorado native was a 16-time all-American in the weight throw, shot put, discus, and hammer by the time she graduated Bates College in 2006, was a 2-time NCAA hammer champion, and is the NCAA Division III record holder in the hammer.

Godsey serves as a volunteer assistant coach at national Division III track and field power Williams College, and works as a physical therapist, so time management is an important component of training. Williams head coach Fletcher Brooks mentors New England's top thrower, who looks to one more year of improvement as the Olympics loom on the horizon.