

D.J. Principe Named USATF – New England’s Athlete of the Month for March 2017



Photo courtesy of David Principe

Boston – D.J. Principe, the 18 year old Rhode Island native has been named the USA Track & Field - New England’s Athlete of the Month for March 2017. At the New Balance Indoor Nationals at the Armory in New York City, Principe ran a 8:47.40 2 mile, which would earn him a third place finish. His time is the 11th fastest time, and ranks him as the 8th fastest performer at 2 miles indoor.

“I was very fortunate to have New Balance Nationals be another great experience. I was really looking forward to competing in a race other than the mile. I ran with some amazing competition, and specifically two great friends Noah Affolder and Brodey Hastey,” said Principe.

Previously in the season, Principe placed third in the one mile run at the New Balance Games in January. In a field dominated by professional runners, Principe ran a 4:00.97 mile, elevating his status from seventh to third fastest prep miler of all time.

When he isn’t on the track, Principe prefers spending his time in the water. “Whether it be boating or water sports such as wake boarding or water skiing, I enjoy being out on the lake we live on as much as possible.”

Principe is a high school senior at La Salle Academy in Providence, Rhode Island. He will be continuing his education and athletic career next year at Stanford University in California.

“I am extremely excited for the opportunities available at Stanford. Competing for a great college team on the national level has been a dream of mine and I can’t wait to try and take advantage of that opportunity.”

USATF New England’s Athlete of the Month program is designed to recognize outstanding performers at all levels of the sport. USATF New England names an honoree each month and features that athlete on usatfne.org.

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