



25th Brown Invitational

Goddard Park, Warwick RI --- Saturday, October 20, 2007

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Triton Regional sr **Keely Maguire** establishes herself as Foot Locker contender with 17:13-17:31 win over Bromfield MA jr **Emily Jones**. Maguire's time trails only Nicole Blood and Lindsay Donaldson on this course, all-time, and is ahead of Ari Lambie.

NE#4 Lincoln-Sudbury MA girls top NE#7 Bromfield, 28-60

NE#3 Brookline MA and its #1 man **Robert Gibson** both triumph. Brookline scores 46 to NY#4 Smithtown's 74. Gibson runs 15:13 to win over Gabe Pacione 15:19

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Motivated Maguire Surprises Herself; Gibson Pulls Away From Pack; Solid Wins for Lincoln-Sudbury, Brookline

By John Nepolitan

Championship Girls - Throughout 2006, Keely Maguire (Trinton Regional HS, Ma) was running in the shadow of Emily Jones (Bromfield, Ma) and felt that she had an outside chance at qualifying for the Foot Locker Championships. A late season bout of tonsillitis knocked Maguire out of contention at the Footlocker Northeast Regional while Jones went on to qualify for the National Championship. This disappointment motivated Maguire to come into the 2007 season in even better fitness with the goal of making the Northeast team in November.

Coming into this weekend's Brown Invitational, Maguire had hoped to run in the 17:40s, a time that Jones ran last year, figuring this level of performance would be on target for a chance to making it to San Diego. A fast opening mile of 5:24 and having Jones on her shoulder through the first 2 miles pushed Maguire well below her goal. She crossed the finish line in 17:13.9 – the 3rd fastest time ever on the Goddard Park 3.05 mile course (70 meters short of 5000 meters) behind the 16:53 record of Nicole Blood (Saratoga, NY) and just in front of Ari Lambie. From the start it was a total two women race and a surge with about 1200 meters to go would take Maguire clear of her state rival.

The team race was also a battle between top Massachusetts schools. Coming into the weekend, Lincoln-Sudbury was ranked 4th in the Northeast following their 6th place finish in the Girls Eastern States race, but a small field here tightened the scoring up and gave 7th ranked Bromfield a chance for an upset.

Jones gave Bromfield the first scorer over the line for the two top contenders, but she was very quickly followed by Andrea Keklak(Lincoln Sudbury) and her Bromfield team mate Liz Lee in 4th and 5th, giving Bromfield a short-lived lead. Lincoln-Sudbury would slam the door on the threat 14 seconds behind Lee as the rest of their scoring 5 would come across the finish line within 2 seconds, claiming 8th-9th-10th-11th . Meanwhile, Northport(NY) was doing all they could to sneak past Bromfield, getting runners home in 12th-14th-15th-17th, but they were missing the very low number to overcome the 2nd place of Jones as Bromfield would hold on for 2nd.