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**GERMANTOWN ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® PENNSYLVANIA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 2, 2010) — In its 25<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Sean Coyle of Germantown Academy as its 2009-10 Gatorade Pennsylvania Baseball Player of the Year. Coyle is the first Gatorade Pennsylvania Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Germantown Academy.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Coyle as Pennsylvania's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in June, Coyle joins an elite alumni association of past state baseball award winners, including Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Roy Halladay (1994-95, Arvada West HS, Colo.), David Price (2003-04, Blackman HS, Tenn.), Chipper Jones (1989-90, Bolles School, Fla.), Derek Lee (1992-93, El Camino HS, Calif.) and John Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Prep, Wash.).

The 5-foot-9, 180-pound senior shortstop led the Patriots (29-3) to the Pennsylvania Independent Schools championship this past season, batting .529 with 12 home runs, 50 RBIs and 20 stolen bases in 20 attempts. A two-time Team MVP and a two-time First team All-State selection, Coyle lifted Germantown Academy to a No. 20 national ranking by Baseball America entering the playoffs.

Coyle has maintained a weighted 3.22 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a bible study group leader, a mentor for children with special needs and as a youth baseball instructor.

"Coyle has been unbelievable for us all year long," said Germantown Academy Head Coach John Duffy. "I honestly believe that he is heads and shoulders above anybody in our league. He's a tremendous baseball player."

Coyle has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of North Carolina this fall.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by ESPN RISE and the Gatorade high school sports leadership team, which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Coyle joins recent Gatorade Pennsylvania Baseball Players of the Year Mike Lubanski (2008-09, Malvern), Zak Sinclair (2007-08, West Allegheny) and Devin Mesoraco (2006-07, Punxsutawney) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners, and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com).

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