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**WASSON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® COLORADO BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 22, 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 Trevor Brown of Wasson High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Colorado Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Brown is the first Gatorade Colorado Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Wasson High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the track, distinguishes Brown as Colorado's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Brown joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ryan Hall (1999-01, Big Bear HS, Calif.), Meb Keflezighi (1993-94, San Diego HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Kevin Garnett (1992-93, Maudlin HS, S.C.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.) and Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt HS, Ia.).

The 5-foot-11 senior hurdler and field athlete won the 110-meter hurdles with a time of 13.85 seconds and the 300-meter hurdles in 36.18 seconds at the Class 4A state meet this spring, leading the Thunderbirds to third place as a team. Also the Athlete of the Year as named by *The Colorado Springs Gazette*, Brown added a second-place finish in the triple jump with an leap of 45 feet, 2.5 inches. His 300-meter hurdles time at the state meet ranked fifth in the nation among prep competitors at the time of his selection. Brown also clocked the nation's No. 12 time in the 110-meter hurdles, breaking the tape in 13.84 at the Liberty Bell Invitational. He placed sixth in the 60-meter hurdles at the Nike Indoor Nationals this past winter in addition to finishing eighth in the 110-meter hurdles at the 2009 Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympic Games.

Also a football standout, Brown has maintained a 3.74 unweighted GPA. He has donated his time locally as a youth athletic instructor and to a retirement community by reading to the elderly.

"I wish had 12 of him," said Wasson Head Coach Art Griffin. "He's just a great kid. There's nothing more I can say about him. He's one in a million. I've been lucky enough to have three or four great athletes, and one he's one of the better ones. He's so humble. He shies away from this awards kind of stuff. He's also a sponge. He takes in everything, analyzes it, eats the meat and throws away the fat. And he adds all of it to his ability."

Brown has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at Colorado State University beginning 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.

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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