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**HILLCREST HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MISSOURI BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 22, 2010) — In its 25th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Dorial Green of Hillcrest High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Missouri Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Green is the first Gatorade Missouri Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Hillcrest 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 Green as Missouri'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, Green 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 6-foot-5, 218-pound sophomore sprinter and jumper won the 100-meter dash and the triple jump at the Class 4 state meet this spring, and took second in the long jump, leading the Hornets to a sixth-place finish as a team. Also the Hillcrest team MVP in both basketball and football, Green captured the 100 with a time of 11.00 seconds and earned gold in the long jump with a leap of 47 feet, 2.5 inches. He also claimed first place in the 100, long jump and triple jump at the 2010 Camdenton Invitational and won the 100 and long jump at the Hillcrest Invitational this season.

Green has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a youth mentor and elementary school motivational speaker and as part of multiple community service initiatives in association with his church youth group.

"I didn't have any idea how good Dorial Green was until I saw him in person," said Terry Scott, head coach of rival Raytown South High. "He just has such a superstar aura about him and he's only going to get better."

Green will begin his junior year of high school 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.

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