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**WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® SOUTH DAKOTA 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 Trevor Gebhart of Washington High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade South Dakota Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Gebhart is the first Gatorade South Dakota Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Washington 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 Gebhart as South Dakota'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, Gebhart 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-2, 180-pound senior sprinter won the 200-meter-dash and the 400-meter dash at the Class AA state meet this spring, leading the Warriors to third place as a team. Gebhart also took second in the 100-meter dash. He won the 200 with a time of 22.06 seconds and captured the 400 in 48.96. The 2010 Class AA State Meet Most Outstanding Performer, Gebhart was the only multi-event winner at in any class at this year's state meet.

Gebhart has maintained a 3.82 GPA in the classroom. A member of his area's Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter, he has volunteered locally as a youth mentor, an elementary school motivational speaker and on behalf of a homeless shelter and soup kitchen.

"Trevor Gebhart was really in a class by himself at this year's state meet," said Geoff Gross, head coach of rival Mitchell High. "He was the only multiple event winner and he really stands out as an elite athlete in the state."

Gebhart has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football on scholarship at North Dakota State University 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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