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**PLEASANT GROVE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® UTAH 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 Evan Argyle of Pleasant Grove High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Utah Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Argyle is the first Gatorade Utah Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Pleasant Grove 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 Argyle as Utah'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, Argyle 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 won three events at the Class 5A state meet this spring, leading the Vikings to third place as a team. Argyle won the 800-meter run with a time of 1:54.14, the 1,600-meter run in 4:20.06 and ran the anchor leg on Pleasant Grove's winning distance medley relay quartet. Argyle, who missed the entire 2009 spring track season with a leg injury, had the top times across all classes in both the 800 and 1,600 outdoors.

Argyle has maintained an unweighted 3.84 GPA in the classroom. An Eagle Scout, he has volunteered locally as a guide for a blind runner at the Special Olympics and learned sign language so he could tutor a deaf student.

"Evan Argyle, I've seen him run—that kid's a stud. He's a man among boys," said Kevin Fletcher, head coach of rival West Jordan High. "What he did at state, having to do the 800 and then turning around and doing the distance medley relay, that's something you rarely ask a kid to do. And to win them both, that's impressive."

Argyle has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at Brigham Young 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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