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WYOMING INDIAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® WYOMING 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 Caleb Her Many Horses of Wyoming Indian High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Wyoming Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Her Many Horses is the first Gatorade Wyoming Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Wyoming Indian 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 Her Many Horses as Wyoming'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, Many Horses 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-9, 140-pound senior distance runner won the 800-meter run, the 1600-meter run, the 3200-meter run at the Class 2A state meet this spring, leading the Chiefs to third place as a team. He also lent a hand as part of the winning 3200-meter relay at the state championships. A career 11-time individual state champion, Her Many Horses set a new Class 2A state record in the 3200 with his winning time of 9:38.85.

Her Many Horses has maintained a 3.82 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as part of multiple community clean-up initiatives and as a motivational speaker cautioning younger students about the dangers of drug and alcohol use.

"Caleb Her Many Horses is an extremely talented runner and he might be the best miler in the state," said Ron Kline, head coach of rival Campbell County High. "There haven't been many races in his career that he didn't win."

Her Many Horses has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of Wyoming 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.

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