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**EAGLE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE IDAHO GIRLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 24, 2010) — In its 25th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Allee Cooper of Eagle High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Idaho Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Cooper is the second Gatorade Idaho Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Eagle 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 Cooper as Idaho's best high school girls track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Cooper joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Allyson Felix (2001-02, Los Angeles Baptist, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.), Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt HS, Iowa) and Bianca Knight (2006-07, Ridgeland HS, Miss.).

The 5-foot-4 senior sprinter swept the 100- and 200-meter dash at the Class 5A state meet this spring, leading the Mustangs to their second straight Class 5A state title as a team. Cooper also ran a leg for the victorious 4x400-meter relay quartet at the championship meet. A three-time Southern Idaho Conference Academic All-State selection, she broke the tape in the 100 with a time of 12:17 seconds to come within an arm's length of the all-class state record (12.07). Cooper was the only athlete of any classification in Idaho to win four individual events at the state meet this season.

Cooper has maintained a 3.54 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered as a peer mentor and is the founder and president of her school's sign language club.

"Allee Cooper is one of the finest athletes I have ever coached," said Eagle High head coach Greg Harm. "She was absolutely incredible this year. To win four events at the state meet is almost unheard of."

Cooper has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of Idaho 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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