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**WHITEHALL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE MONTANA GIRLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 24, 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 Kellee Glaus of Whitehall High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Montana Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Glaus is the first Gatorade Montana Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Whitehall 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 Glaus as Montana’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, Glaus 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-5 senior won the triple jump and the long jump at the Class B state meet this spring, leading the Trojans to eighth place as a team. A two-time First Team All-State selection, Glaus set a new state meet record in the triple jump with a leap of 39 feet, two inches and earned a state title in the long jump with a mark of 17 feet, one inch. Her season-best mark in the triple jump (40-00.05) ranked among the nation’s top 50 performances by prep competitors under all conditions in 2010.

Glaus has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. A member of her school’s student government, she has volunteered as part of multiple community service initiatives in association with the National Honor Society.

“Kellee Glaus has a kind of work ethic that you usually just don’t see at this level,” said Whitehall High head coach Adam Tramner. “She just keeps going and going and going until she accomplishes everything she set out to do”

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