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**JACK BRITT HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE NORTH CAROLINA 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 Sanura Eley O'Reilly of Jack Britt High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade North Carolina Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Eley O'Reilly is the first Gatorade North Carolina Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Jack Britt 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 Eley O'Reilly as North Carolina'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, Eley O'Reilly 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-7 senior won the 400-meter run at the Class 4A state meet this spring, setting a state-meet record of 53.43 seconds, the second-fastest time in North Carolina history. O'Reilly's 400 clocking was the No. 8 clocking in the nation at the time of her selection. She also anchored the Buccaneers' 4x400-meter relay team, which earned silver at the state meet in 3:50.44, the second-fastest time in state history.

O'Reilly has maintained a weighted 3.50 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of youth sports programs.

"She's just humble, runs gracefully and wins," said Jack Britt High head coach Rick Stoker. "She's not only a great athlete, but a great person too."

O'Reilly has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of South Carolina 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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