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**HUEYTOWN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® ALABAMA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 9, 2010) — In its 25th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Leigh Streetman of Hueytown High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Alabama Softball Player of the Year. Streetman is the second Gatorade Alabama Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Hueytown 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 field, distinguishes Streetman as Alabama's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Streetman joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alicia Hollowell (2000-01, Fairfield HS, 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.), Angela Tincher (2002-03, James River HS, Va.) and Kenzie Fowler (2006-07, Canyon del Oro HS, Ariz.).

The 5-foot-4 senior right-handed pitcher compiled a 46-8 record with a 0.35 ERA and 615 strikeouts in 304 innings this past season, leading the Golden Gophers (53-11-2) to the Class 6A state championship. Streetman went 4-0—including a perfect game—and allowed just nine hits in the state championship tournament. She was the Class 6A Pitcher of the Year and the *Birmingham News* Player of the Year in 2009.

Streetman has maintained an unweighted 3.04 GPA in the classroom. An active member of her church community, she has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and community-cleanup projects.

"What sets her apart is how she thrives in tough situations," said Alan Reach, head coach of rival Tuscaloosa County High. "That's the sign of a true champion, someone who can take her game to the next level in big situations."

Streetman has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at the University of Alabama-Birmingham 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.

Streetman joins recent Gatorade Alabama Softball Players of the Year Heather Parker (2008-09, Mortimer Jordan), Lindsey Dunlap (2007-08, Hueytown) and Meghan Harbuck (2006-07, Baker) among the state's list of former award winners.

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