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**SOMERS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEW YORK 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 Tammy Wray of Somers High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade New York Softball Player of the Year. Wray is the first Gatorade New York Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Somers 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 Wray as New York's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Wray 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-8 senior shortstop compiled a .623 batting average with 10 home runs and 34 RBI this past season, leading the Tuskers to a 14-7 record. A five-time All-Conference and four-time All-Section I selection, Wray owns 14 school records and was named First Team All-State in 2009.

Wray has maintained a B average in the classroom. A member of her school's peer-leadership program, she has volunteered locally on behalf of a soup kitchen and youth softball clinics.

"Tammy Wray is a complete five-tool star," said Anthony Rodrigues, head coach of rival Fox Lane High. "She hits for power, steals bases, makes every play. There's nothing she doesn't do."

Wray has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at Louisiana State University 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.

Wray joins recent Gatorade New York Softball Players of the Year Olivia Galati (2008-09, St. John the Baptist), Cassie Reilly-Boccia (2007-08, Yorktown) and Chelsea Plimpton (2006-07, Williamsville South) among the state's list of former award winners.

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