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**BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® NEVADA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 17, 2011) — In its 26<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Shabazz Muhammad of Bishop Gorman High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Nevada Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Muhammad is the sixth Gatorade Nevada Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Gorman 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 court, distinguishes Muhammad as Nevada's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Muhammad joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Dwight Howard (2003-04, SW Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington HS, Colo.), Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame HS, Calif.), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood HS, Calif.) and Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln HS, Texas).

The 6-foot-6, 205-pound junior guard and forward averaged 25.1 points, 7.7 rebounds, 2.1 assists and 1.5 steals per game this past season, leading the Gaels (25-6) to the Class 4A semifinals. A 2010 First Team All-State selection and a two-time First Team All-Conference honoree, he is ranked as the nation's No. 5 recruit in the Class of 2012 in the ESPNU Super 60.

Muhammad has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach and on behalf of multiple community service initiatives in association with his school.

"Shabazz Muhammad is clearly the best player we have seen the last two seasons," said George Tarkanian, head coach of rival Bonanza High. "He is as good as they get athletically. This year, he really improved his shooting and ball-handling skills and he has all the tools to play shooting guard at the highest level."

Muhammad will begin his senior year of high school 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.

Muhammad joins recent Gatorade Nevada Boys Basketball Players of the Year Johnathan Loyd (2009-10, Bishop Gorman), Anthony Marshall (2008-09, Mojave), and Luke Babbitt (2007-08, Galena), among the state's list of former award winners.

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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