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**TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® IDAHO BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 1, 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 Cy Sneed of Twin Falls High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Idaho Baseball Player of the Year. Sneed is the first Gatorade Idaho Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Twin Falls 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 Sneed as Idaho's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in June, Sneed joins an elite alumni association of past state baseball award winners, including Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Roy Halladay (1994-95, Arvada West HS, Colo.), David Price (2003-04, Blackman HS, Tenn.), Chipper Jones (1989-90, Bolles School, Fla.), Derek Lee (1992-93, El Camino HS, Calif.) and John Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Prep, Wash.).

The 6-foot-4, 185-pound senior right-handed pitcher and first baseman led the Bruins (24-5) to the Class 4A state championship this past season. Sneed posted a 9-0 record on the mound with a 1.36 ERA with 130 strikeouts in 67 innings. He also batted a team-high .467 with 11 home runs and 38 RBIs and a .650 on-base percentage. A two-time First Team All-State selection, Sneed struck out nine batters while pitching a complete game in a 5-2 win over Kuna High in the Class 4A state final.

Sneed has maintained a 3.74 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a youth baseball coach and serves as a peer leader in his school community.

"Cy Sneed has been a first-class citizen on and off the field for us," said Twin Fall head coach Tim Stadelmeir. "As a student-athlete, he has represented our school and his family in a first-class manner."

Sneed has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Dallas Baptist 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.

Sneed joins recent Gatorade Idaho Baseball Players of the Year Devon Austin (2009-10, Coeur d'Alene), Jacob Coats (2008-09; Twin Falls), Sean McDonald (2007-08, Boise), and Josh Osich (2006-07, Bishop Kelly), 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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