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**SIERRA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® NEVADA 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 Jake Hager of Sierra Vista High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Nevada Baseball Player of the Year. Hager is the first Gatorade Nevada Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Sierra Vista 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 Hager as Nevada's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in June, Hager 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-1, 190-pound senior shortstop and right-handed pitcher batted .533 with 11 home runs, 54 RBIs, 73 runs scored and a .635 on-base percentage, leading the Mountain Lions (34-4) to the Class 4A regional tournament. The 2011 Southern Nevada Player of the Year, Hager also posted a 3-2 record on the mound with a 2.43 ERA and 31 strikeouts in 31.2 innings pitched.

Hager has maintained a 3.72 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of multiple community service initiatives in association his church youth group and as a youth baseball camp counselor.

"Jake Hager is a great player who respects his teammates and coaches all around the city," said Nick Didier, head coach of rival Liberty High. "His love for the game shows in his hustle and attitude. We wish all student-athletes could be like Jake Hager."

Hager has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Arizona 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.

Hager joins recent Gatorade Nevada Baseball Players of the Year Kris Bryant (2009-10, Bonanza), Jeff Malm (2008-09; Bishop Gorman), Jeff Malm (2007-08, Bishop Gorman), and Taylor Cole (2006-07, Bishop Gorman College Prep), 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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