

**WESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® OREGON BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 1, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Carson Kelly of Westview High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Oregon Baseball Player of the Year. Kelly is the third Gatorade Oregon Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Westview 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 Kelly as Oregon's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in June, Kelly 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-2, 200-pound junior right-handed pitcher led the Wildcats to a 25-5 record and a berth in the Class 6A state semifinals, scheduled for May 31. At the time of his selection, Kelly owned a 9-1 record on the mound with a 1.72 ERA and 67 strikeouts against just eight walks in 61 innings. Also a shortstop, he batted .452 with 48 RBI, 39 runs scored, 13 home runs and 10 doubles, producing a .942 slugging percentage and .521 on-base percentage. A returning Class 6A Second Team All-State honoree, Kelly recorded a .458 batting average and 31 RBI as a junior. As a member of the USA Baseball 16U National Team, he finished 2-0 on the mound with a .333 batting average during the team's run to the gold medal at the 2010 Pan American Championships this past fall.

Kelly has maintained a 3.78 GPA in the classroom. He has donated his time as a youth baseball instructor on behalf of USA Baseball and the Sun Creek Little League.

"Carson is not only an amazing baseball player, he is an even better person and student," said Westview High head coach Steve Antich. "He will have a very successful career outside of baseball. Even with all of his accomplishments, he is very coachable, a great leader, very humble and—we believe—he has all the qualities that a Gatorade Player of the Year needs to possess."

Kelly 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.

Kelly joins recent Gatorade Oregon Baseball Players of the Year Ben Wetzler (2009-10, Clackamas), Matt Maurer (2008-09; North Medford), Ryan Gorton (2007-08, Tigard), and Joey Mahalic (2006-07, Wilson), among the state's list of former award winners.

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