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**SPANISH FORK HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® UTAH 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 Kayden Porter of Spanish Fork High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Utah Baseball Player of the Year. Porter is the third Gatorade Utah Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Spanish Fork 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 Porter as Utah's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in June, Porter 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-5, 240-pound junior right-handed pitcher, first baseman and outfielder posted a 9-1 record along with a 2.14 ERA and 85 strikeouts in 59 innings pitched this past season, leading the Dons (24-2) to the Class 4A state quarterfinals. A 2010 First Team All-State selection, Porter also batted .570 with 14 home runs, 50 RBIs and 33 runs scored.

Porter has maintained a 3.86 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and a literacy-outreach initiative for elementary school students.

"I honestly believe Kayden Porter is the best high school baseball player in the state," said Spanish Fork head coach Shoe Nelson. "He just has so much power and pop both at the plate and on the mound."

Porter has verbally committed to play baseball on scholarship at the University of North Carolina beginning in the fall of 2012.

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.

Porter joins recent Gatorade Utah Baseball Players of the Year Adam Duke (2009-10, Spanish Fork), Marcus Littlewood (2008-09; Pine View), Marcus Littlewood (2007-08, Pine View), and Tanner Robles (2006-07, Cottonwood), among the state's list of former award winners.

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