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**SHOREWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® WASHINGTON 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 Trevor Mitsui of Shorewood High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Washington Baseball Player of the Year. Mitsui is the first Gatorade Washington Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Shorewood 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 Mitsui as Washington's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in June, Mitsui 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, 225-pound senior corner infielder batted .712 with 13 home runs, 26 RBIs, 39 runs scored and an .845 on-base percentage this past season, leading the Thunderbirds (24-3) to the Class 3A state final. A two-time First Team All-State selection, Mitsui struck out just one time in 97 plate appearances in 2011.

Mitsui has maintained a 3.62 GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society, he has volunteered locally as a peer tutor and as a youth baseball camp counselor.

"Trevor Mitsui is an outstanding young man and without a doubt the best high school hitter I have ever seen," said Shorewood High head coach Wyatt Tonkin. "It has been an honor to coach such a fine player and individual."

Mitsui has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Washington 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.

Mitsui joins recent Gatorade Washington Baseball Players of the Year Drew Vettleson (2009-10, Central Kitsap), Drew Vettleson (2008-09; Central Kitsap), Rusty Shellhorn (2007-08, Central Valley), and Greg Peavey (2006-07, Hudson's Bay), among the state's list of former award winners.

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