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**TREMPER HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® WISCONSIN 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 Sam Mahar of Tremper High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Wisconsin Baseball Player of the Year. Mahar is the second Gatorade Wisconsin Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Tremper 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 Mahar as Wisconsin's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in June, Mahar 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, 175-pound senior left-handed pitcher has led the Trojans (14-6) to second place in the Southeast Conference entering the Division 1 postseason regional tournament, scheduled to begin on June 1. Mahar owned a 5-2 record with a 1.35 ERA and 99 strikeouts in 51.2 innings pitched through 20 games. A 2010 First Team All-Conference selection, Mahar has held opposing hitters to a .133 batting average and has whiffed an average of 13.4 batters per seven innings.

Mahar has maintained a 3.08 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a youth baseball camp counselor and in association with an area church delivering meals to needy families.

"Sam Mahar is an excellent role model and he has a tremendous work ethic," said Tremper High head coach John Matera. "He is the only player in the history of our program to be selected as team captain during his junior and senior years and he has performed so well for us on the field."

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

Mahar joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Baseball Players of the Year Bobby Juan (2009-10, Central), Brad Schreiber (2008-09; Kimberly), Phil Schreiber (2007-08, Kaukauna), and Nick Rice (2006-07, Tremper), 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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