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**ALVIRNE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® NEW HAMPSHIRE SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 9, 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 Taylor Carbone of Alvirne High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade New Hampshire Softball Player of the Year. Carbone is the first Gatorade Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Alvirne 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 Carbone as New Hampshire's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Carbone joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alicia Hollowell (2000-01, Fairfield HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.), Angela Tincher (2002-03, James River HS, Va.) and Kenzie Fowler (2006-07, Canyon del Oro HS, Ariz.).

The 5-foot-8 junior right-handed pitcher and first baseman has led the Broncos (18-3) to the Division I semifinals against Londonderry High, scheduled for June 9. At the time of her selection, Carbone owned a 16-3 record in the circle with a 0.58 ERA and 195 strikeouts in 123 innings pitched. A two-time First Team All-State selection, Carbone batted .487 with a home run, 26 runs scored and a .711 slugging percentage through 21 games.

Carbone has maintained a 3.44 GPA in the classroom. A youth softball coach and camp counselor, she has volunteered locally on behalf of her school's peer-leadership program and at an area shelter providing meals for needy families during the holidays.

"Taylor Carbone is a complete player, not just a pitcher," said Alvirne head coach Denise Rioux. "She plays the field well when she's not pitching and she is one of the most feared hitters in our league. She is intensely competitive and a leader by example."

Carbone will begin her 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.

Carbone joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Softball Players of the Year Kelsey Martel (2009-10, Concord), Paige Hansen (2008-09, Concord) and Amanda Barton (2007-08, Franklin), 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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