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**ROY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® UTAH SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 9, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced MaCauley Flint of Roy High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Utah Softball Player of the Year. Flint is the first Gatorade Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Roy 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 Flint as Utah's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Flint 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-7 senior pitcher led the Royals (28-3) to the Class 5A state championship this past season. Flint posted a 23-1 record in the circle along with a 0.87 ERA and 200 strikeouts in 136 innings pitched. A three-time First Team All-State selection, she batted .484 with six home runs, 34 runs scored, 29 RBI and 11 stolen bases. Flint threw three straight one-hitters in the postseason and was named state tournament MVP. She also was the Class 4A State Tournament MVP in 2009.

Flint has maintained an unweighted 3.47 GPA in the classroom. She volunteered locally as part of a town-wide beautification project and as a youth softball coach.

"Her competitiveness and desire to be the best are what make MaCauley special," said Kelly Anderson, head coach of rival Syracuse High. "I think she's got three unbelievable pitches and can throw them anywhere she wants. What sets her apart is a changeup you just can't sit on. It's unbelievable."

Flint will attend Salt Lake Community College, where she will play softball.

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.

Flint joins recent Gatorade Utah Softball Players of the Year, two-time winner Tori Almond (2007-08 & 2009-10, Bingham) and Shelbi Tyteca (2008-09, Viewmont), among the state's list of former award winners.

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