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**TUBA CITY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE ARIZONA BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 23, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Billy Orman of Tuba City High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Arizona Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Orman is the first Gatorade Arizona Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Tuba City 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 track, distinguishes Orman as Arizona's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Orman joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ryan Hall (1999-01, Big Bear HS, Calif.), Meb Keflezighi (1993-94, San Diego HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.) and Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt HS, Ia.).

The 6-foot-1 senior won the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:06.75 and captured the 3200-meter run in a state-record 8:48.63 at the Division III state meet this spring. The state's 2010-11 Gatorade Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year, Orman also broke the tape in the 1600-meter run with a state-record time of 4:05.29 at the Meet of Champions. His 3200-meter time at the state meet and 1600-meter time at the Meet of Champions, respectively, ranked as the nation's No. 1 and No. 4 performances among prep competitors in 2011 at the time of his selection. He won the 1600- and 3200-meter races at the 2010 Class 3A state meet as a junior.

Orman has maintained a 4.33 GPA in the classroom and ranked No. 3 in his graduating class. He has volunteered locally on behalf of youth soccer programs and an area animal shelter.

"He had a great season," said Tuba City High distance coach Arvis Myron. "He committed to the plan we set out for him. I've never seen anybody like him. It all boils down to his commitment and his discipline to run when he's supposed to run. That's where his success came from. He put in the mileage and the hard work."

Orman will attend Harvard University this fall, where he will continue his competitive running career.

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.

Orman joins recent Gatorade Arizona Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Brian Shrader (2009-10, Sinagua), Bryce Lamb (2008-09, Chandler), and Allante Battle (2007-08, Desert Vista) among the state's list of former award winners.

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