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**OMAHA CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE NEBRASKA 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 Ted Lampkin of Omaha Central High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Nebraska Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Lampkin is the first Gatorade Nebraska Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Omaha Central 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 Lampkin as Nebraska'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, Lampkin 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 5-foot-8 senior sprinter and jumper won three individual state championships this spring and led the Eagles to the Class A state championship as a team. Lampkin captured the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.74 seconds, the long jump with a leap of 24 feet and one-half inches and the triple jump, soaring 47-9.25. The 2009-10 Gatorade Nebraska Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year, he finished with season-best marks in all of Nebraska's competitive classifications in each of his state-title winning events and his 2011 personal-best in the long jump ranked among the nation's top 50 performances by a prep competitor under all conditions in 2011 at the time of his selection.

Lampkin has maintained a 3.41 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a peer mentor, a youth football coach and as part of multiple community-service initiatives in association with his church youth group.

"I think Ted Lampkin is the undisputed best track and field athlete here in Nebraska," said Joe Pilakowski, head coach of rival Monarch High. "His four gold medals at the state meet pretty much speak for themselves. Each time I had contact with him he was friendly, humble and showed good sportsmanship."

Lampkin has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at Iowa State University this fall, where he will play football and suit up for the track and field team.

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.

Lampkin joins recent Gatorade Nebraska Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Mitchell Hunt (2008-09, Fremont) and Brett Maher (2007-08, Kearney) among the state's list of former award winners.

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