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**GREENE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE NEW YORK 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 Chad Noelle of Greene Central High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade New York Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Noelle is the first Gatorade New York Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Greene 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 Noelle as New York'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, Noelle 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 senior won the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:11.17 at the New York Federation Championships this spring, leading the Trojans to a second-place finish as a team. Noelle also won the Div. 2 state championship in the 3200-meter run in 8:59.03. He was fifth in the two-mile and sixth in the mile at this month's New Balance Outdoor Nationals.

Noelle has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of clothing drives, the Salvation Army, blood donation drives and his church's Vacation Bible School.

"Chad loves to compete, and his focus, drive and determination are impressive," said Greene High head coach Tim Paske. "His workouts are a lot different from what everyone else is doing, and he's had to do a lot of work on his own. He's very self-motivated.

Noelle has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at the University of Oregon 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.

Noelle joins recent Gatorade New York Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Mike Quercia (2009-10, Marcellus Senior), Will Cole (2008-09, Hamburg), and Kyle Merber (2007-08, Half Hollow Hills West) among the state's list of former award winners.

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