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**LANCASTER HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE TEXAS 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 Devin Field of Lancaster High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Texas Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Field is the first Gatorade Texas Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Lancaster 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 Field as Texas' 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, Field 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-10 sophomore won the long jump with a leap of 24 feet, 11.25 inches and the triple jump with a 50-1.75 effort at the Class 4A state meet this spring, leading the Tigers to the state championship as a team. Field was the *Dallas Morning News* Track and Field Athlete of the Year and his season-best long jump ranked as the nation's No. 6 effort among prep competitors at the time of his selection.

Field has maintained a 3.18 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of youth track and field programs.

"I've seen many examples of Devin's talent and have long been impressed by his diligence and work ethic," said Lancaster High coach Greg Williams. "His goal is to eventually be the world record-holder in the long jump."

Field will begin his junior 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.

Field joins recent Gatorade Texas Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Sheroid Evans (2009-10, Dulles) and Marquise Goodwin (2008-09 & 2007-08, Rowlett) among the state's list of former award winners.

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