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**RICHFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE UTAH BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 23, 2011) — In its 26<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Tyler Sorensen of Richfield High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Utah Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Sorensen is the first Gatorade Utah Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Richfield 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 Sorensen as Utah'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, Sorensen 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 senior swept the dash events at the Class 3A state meet, leading the Wildcats to third place as a team. Sorensen broke the tape in the 100-meter dash in 10.80 seconds, the 200 in 21.69 and the 400 in 48.92. The Utah High School Coaches Association Class 3A MVP, he set a school record in the 100 at the Great Southwest Classic with a time of 10.65, which ranked as the nation's No. 63 time among prep competitors in 2011 at the time of his selection.

Sorensen has maintained a 3.53 GPA in the classroom. An Eagle Scout, he has volunteered locally on area beautification projects, as a peer tutor to handicapped and special needs students and as a youth track, football and basketball coach.

"Tyler did have a great year," said Richfield High head coach Bryan Griffin. "What impresses me the most is his ability to focus. He knows when it's a big moment. When the time comes, he always seems to pull through in the big races."

Sorensen has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at Brigham Young University, but he will first commence a two-year Mormon mission beginning in July.

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.

Sorensen joins recent Gatorade Utah Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Evan Argyle (2009-10, Pleasant Grove), Tyrell Yardley (2008-09, Syracuse), and Luke Puskedra (2007-08, Judge Memorial Catholic) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners, and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com).

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