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**BEAR RIVER HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® UTAH SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 6, 2012) — In its 27<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Jordan Theurer of Bear River High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Utah Softball Player of the Year. Theurer is the first Gatorade Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bear River 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 field, distinguishes Theurer as Utah's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Theurer joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alicia Hollowell (2000-01, Fairfield HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.), Angela Tincher (2002-03, James River HS, Va.) and Kenzie Fowler (2006-07, Canyon del Oro HS, Ariz.).

The 5-foot-7 junior pitcher led the Bears (26-5) to their fifth straight Class 3A state championship this past season. Theurer posted a 22-4 record with a 2.09 ERA and 151 strikeouts in 157.1 innings-pitched. She recorded 12 shutouts and one no-hitter. At the plate, Theurer batted .442 with four home runs, 13 doubles, 48 RBI and a .726 slugging percentage. She is a two-time Class 3A State Tournament MVP and was the 2011 Class 3A MVP for both the Deseret News and the Salt Lake Tribune.

Theurer has maintained a 3.89 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of her church community, she has volunteered locally with the Boys & Girls Club and as a youth softball and basketball coach.

"Jordan is as well-rounded a player as you can get," said Dane Palmer, Theurer's ASA coach with the Utah Thunder. "She throws hard and she a lot of different pitches. And she's an outstanding hitter."

Theurer will begin her senior 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 ESPNHS 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.

Theurer joins recent Gatorade Utah Softball Players of the Year MaCauley Flint (2010-11, Roy High School), Tori Almond (2007-08 & 2009-10, Bingham), and Shelbi Tyteca (2008-09, Viewmont) 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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