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**DOUGLASS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE OKLAHOMA GIRLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 20, 2012) — In its 27th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Madison Reynolds of Douglass High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Reynolds is the first Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Douglass 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 Reynolds as Oklahoma's best high school girls track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Reynolds joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Allyson Felix (2001-02, Los Angeles Baptist, 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.), Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt HS, Ia.) and Bianca Knight (2006-07, Ridgeland HS, Miss.).

The 5-foot-4 senior won the 400-meter run with a class-record time of 55.05 seconds and captured the 200-meter dash in 25.72 at the Class 4A state meet, leading the Trojans to the championship as a team. Reynolds also ran a leg on the victorious 4x100-meter relay team, and won both the 200 (25.72 seconds) and the 400-meter run (56.68) at the state Meet of Champions.

Reynolds has maintained a 3.68 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally feeding the homeless and tutoring students in math and science.

"Madison has done everything we've asked of her, and then some," said Douglass High assistant coach Harvey Ryan. "She's a fabulous worker with a big heart who just refuses to be beaten."

Reynolds has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at Oral Roberts University 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.

Reynolds joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Hannah Helker (2010-11, Edmond North High School), Danielle Nowell (2009-10, Plainview), and Carissa Levingston (2007-08 & 2008-09, Midwest City), among the state's list of former award winners.

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