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

CHICAGO (June 21, 2012) — In its 27th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Brad Nye of Davis High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Utah Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Nye is the first Gatorade Utah Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Davis 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 Nye 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, Nye 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-4, 150-pound senior won three individual state championships this spring and led the Darts to a Class 3A state championship. Nye won the 800-meter run with a time of 1:52.69, the 1,600-meter run in 4:19.74 and the 3,200-meter run in 9:19.59. The state record holder in the 800 (1:51.89), the 1,600 (4:09.67) and the mile (4:04.46), he was the 2012 New Balance Nationals Indoors champion in the mile with a time of 4:08.67.

Nye has maintained a 3.69 GPA in the classroom. An Eagle Scout, he has volunteered locally in neighborhood beautification projects, as a youth track coach and official and is an active member of his church youth group.

"Brad dominated the distance scene in Utah this year and it was a strong year," said Roger Buhaley, head coach of rival Syracuse High. "I've had a couple athletes that have dominated Utah in the distance events before, but not with times of his quality. He had good sophomore and junior years but has really taken things to another level this year."

Nye has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at Brigham Young University beginning 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.

Nye joins recent Gatorade Utah Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Tyler Sorensen (2010-11, Richfield High School), 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.

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