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**OGDEN HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE UTAH GIRLS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 19, 2014) — In its 29th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Sarah Feeny of Ogden High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Utah Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Feeny is the first Gatorade Utah Girls Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Ogden 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 Feeny as Utah'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, Feeny 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-6 senior won the Dream Mile at the adidas Grand Prix with a time of 4:39.23 which ranked as the No. 1 performance among prep competitors in 2014 at the time of her selection. Feeny won three individual state championships at the Class 4A state meet this spring and led the Tigers to a third-place finish as a team. She won the 800-meter run in 2:10.40, the 1600-meter runs with a state-record time of 4:45.13 and the 3200 in 10:13.86, also a state record. Feeny contributed to another gold medal by running the anchor leg on Ogden's 1600-meter distance medley relay team, coming from 50 meters behind on her 800 leg to break the tape. She is ranked in the top 40 nationally among prep competitors in 2014 in the 800, 1600, 3000 and 3200 and concluded her prep track career with nine state titles.

Feeny has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. A long-time student of the piano, she has volunteered locally at the Ogden Nature Center and as a peer tutor for a special education student. She has also donated her time with the United Way and as a youth track coach.

"For the last two years, Sarah has been nothing short of dominant," said Brett Andrus, head coach of Mountain View High. "I have never seen her take a race off. She is never content to sit back and run with the pack until the last 100 meters and just out-kick people. She seems to always be trying to run her best and challenge herself."

Feeny has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on an athletic scholarship at the University of Utah 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 the Gatorade high school sports leadership team in partnership with [USA TODAY High School Sports](#), 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.

Feeny joins recent Gatorade Utah Girls Track & Field Athletes of the Year Brenna Porter (2012-13, Sky View High School), Ashleigh Warner (2011-12, Mountain View High School), Lauren Baxter (2010 - 11, Timpview High School), Kylie Hirschi (2009-10, Brighton), Tiffany Hellstrom (2008-09, Bonneville), and Natalie Stewart (2007-08 & 2006-2007, Spanish Fork) among the state's list of former award winners.

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