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WOODS CROSS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE UTAH BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 20, 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 Cam Dopp of Woods Cross High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Utah Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Dopp is the second Gatorade Utah Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Woods Cross 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 Dopp 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, Dopp 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-2, 165-pound senior won three individual state championships at the Class 4A state meet this spring and led the Wildcats to a state title. Dopp took gold in the 400-meter dash in 47.89 seconds, the 110-meter hurdles in 14.14 and the 300-meter hurdles in 38.73. He also ran the anchor leg on Woods Cross' winning 4x400-meter relay quartet. Dopp set a state record in the 300 hurdles at the BYU Invitational with a time of 36.30, which ranked as the nation's No. 2 performance among prep competitors in 2014 at the time of his selection.

Dopp has maintained a 3.47 GPA in the classroom. An Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America, he is the president of the Woods Cross senior class. He has volunteered locally as a landscape services technician and as part of multiple community-service initiatives on behalf of his church.

"With Cam winning three events at states as well as anchoring a first-place relay, you've got a pretty incredible year," said Roger Buhrley, head coach of Syracuse High. "Seven big races over the two days at states as well as an entire season of domination is hard to top."

Dopp has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on an athletic scholarship at Brigham Young University this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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 <u>USA TODAY High School</u> <u>Sports</u>, 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.

Dopp joins recent Gatorade Utah Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Ben Saarel (2012-13, Park City High School), Brad Nye (2011-12, Davis High School), Tyler Sorensen (2010 – 11, Richfield High School), Evan Argyle (2009-10, Pleasant Grove), Tyrell Yardley (2008-09, Syracuse), Luke Puskedra (2007-08 & 2006-07, Judge Memorial Catholic) among the state's list of former award winners.

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