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**SPARTANBURG HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE SOUTH CAROLINA BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 19, 2015) — In its 30<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Tavien Feaster of Spartanburg High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade South Carolina Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Feaster is the second Gatorade South Carolina Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Spartanburg 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 Feaster as South Carolina'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, Feaster 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, 197-pound junior captured two individual state titles at the Class AAAA state meet and led the Vikings to a fifth-place finish as a team. Feaster won the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.42 seconds, which ranked as the nation's No. 10 performance among prep competitors in 2015 at the time of his selection, and broke the tape in the 200 in a state-record 21.11. The 2014 Spartanburg Herald Journal All-Area Track Athlete of the Year, he won the 100 and 200 at the state meet for a second straight year.

Feaster has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a youth camp counselor in addition to serving as a youth football and basketball coach.

"I only saw Tavien a couple of times but that was plenty enough," said Skip Frye, head coach of Broome High. "He is simply so strong a finisher in the sprints. If he gets a decent start he just powers his way to the line in the last half of the race."

Feaster has made a verbal commitment to compete in track and field on scholarship at Clemson University beginning in the fall of 2016.

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.

Feaster joins recent Gatorade South Carolina Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Jaylen Bacon (2013-14, Lower Richland High School), Griffie Loy (2012-13, Bishop England High School), Brandon Sanders (2011-12, 2009-10 & 2008-09, Dreher High School), Chris Brown (2010-11, Hanahan High School), Marcus Rowland (2007-08, Dorman), and Chad Phillips (2006-07, Greenwood High School) 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 [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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