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## NEVADA POY – HAYLEY SPELMAN

RISE selects Durango High School standout as Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Player of the Year

In its third decade of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade joined with RISE Magazine to name junior right side hitter HAYLEY SPELMAN of DURANGO HIGH of Las Vegas as its 2007-08 Nevada Volleyball Player of the Year.

The 6-foot-6 Spelman took the Trailblazers to within one win of a Class 4A state title, amassing a state single-season record 714 kills while adding 291 digs and 96 blocks for Durango (32-9). The 2007 Southwest Division Most Valuable Player, Spelman posted 19 kills and nine digs in the Class 4A state championship loss to Silverado. The 2007 campaign was her first varsity season.

Spelman has maintained a 4.25 weighted GPA in the classroom and has volunteered in association with the Durango High International Culturefest and on behalf of the school's coat drive for the needy. An enthusiastic participant in the local edition of the Susan B. Komen Breast Cancer Race for the Cure, Spelman also serves her community by donating her time to the Shade Tree Shelter for Women and Children.

"She's everything you'd want in a player," said Durango head coach Bob Kelly. "She comes to every practice and every match on her game, and I find that so unusual for a teenage player. She can pass, she can defend, she can hit from the front row and the back row with authority. For a kid in her third year of playing, she has elevated herself to being one of the top recruits in her class. She is one of the most intense competitors I've ever coached."

Spelman will begin her senior year of high school next fall and remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

