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**Kansas State High School Activities Association Honors Sedan High School Teammates
With “KSHSAA Spirit of Sport Award”**

The Kansas State High School Activities Association has announced it is honoring Paul M. Buck & Zachary L. Ford, students at Sedan High School, with the 2010 “KSHSAA Spirit of Sport Award.” The award recognizes the values inherent in participation in high school sports beyond winning and losing. KSHSAA Executive Director Gary Musselman invited all member high schools of the Association to submit the name of an individual, coach, or team demonstrating such qualities. Paul & Zachary were selected from a field of thirteen nominations submitted by KSHSAA member senior high schools.

The KSHSAA Student Advisory Team assisted in the selection of the state of Kansas honoree. As the state of Kansas honoree, Paul & Zachary will receive plaques to be displayed at their school. The presentation of the plaques will take place at a KSHSAA championship event that is yet to be determined. Sedan High School’s nomination of Paul Buck & Zachary Ford has been submitted for consideration by the National Federation of State High School Associations. The National Federation initiated the “NFHS Spirit of Sport Award” in 2008.

The NFHS will announce a national honoree at its annual summer meeting in late June.

Paul Buck is a freshman and has been completely blind since about the age of four, when cancer caused him to have his eyes removed. Zachary Ford is a sophomore and "adopted" Paul on the football field. Paul was the center and Zach played guard on the JV squad. Zach would line Paul up and tell him which way to push the player and then after the play he would run to find Paul and lead him back to the huddle. “Paul and Zach both exemplify the true spirit of the sport,” said Gary Musselman, KSHSAA Executive Director. “Zach was Paul's eyes each and every day and helped him see the game through his eyes.” According to Sedan High School Activities Director Carolyn Williams, “this is a double nomination because Paul doesn't compete without Zach and Zach is a better competitor with Paul. They are both remarkable young men, on and off the field.”

“Kansas was the first state high school association in the nation to develop a state Spirit of Sport Award for the express purpose of recognizing outstanding acts of character and leadership, demonstrating the true spirit of sport in educational athletics,” said Executive Director, Gary Musselman. “We believe it is important to focus attention on the many positive acts which occur in our programs every year. Without question, every Kansas high school has students and faculty who demonstrate the true spirit of amateur sport on a daily basis. Bringing recognition to individuals like Paul Buck & Zachary Ford is in keeping with the mission of the KSHSAA.”