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**1620 The Zone's Kevin Kugler Earns
Nebraska Sportscaster of the Year for the Eighth Year
Kugler to Join Other Honorees at the NSSA Awards Ceremony in June 2012**

Omaha, NE – Jan 9 – Veteran sportscaster and host of the long-running “Unsportsmanlike Conduct” program on 1620 The Zone is being honored as one of the nation’s best. Kevin Kugler, host of the popular sports/talk program and play-by-play host of the College World Series, has earned the National Sportscasters and Sportswriters Association honor for the state of Nebraska. This year marks the 8th year for Kugler to earn the honor.

“Kevin has now won this “Nebraska Sportscaster of the Year” award more than anyone else, eight times. Next would be Dick Perry of Lincoln’s KFOR with seven awards,” explained KOZN-AM Program Director Neil Nelkin. “It truly is remarkable that someone this early on his career would be recognized at this level and at this frequency...just goes to show how much talent Kevin has behind the mic and in the world of sportscasting.”

Kugler is host of Omaha’s longest running and highest rated sports/talk program airing weekdays from 2pm-6pm on 1620AM the Zone. In addition, he has hosted the US Olympic Games, has served as the lead play-by-play voice on Westwood One’s national broadcast coverage of NFL Football, NCAA Basketball, The Masters Tournament, and the NCAA College World Series hosted in Omaha.

Kugler will join other recipients at the 53rd annual NSSA event hosted by Bob Costas on June 11th in Salisbury, NC. “It means the world to me to be recognized for doing what I love every day. Nebraska sports offer an abundance of great sports material to offer listeners and sports fans from exclusive interviews with coaches and players – in addition to talking with our local fans. It’s an honor of a lifetime to earn this award again,” said Kugler.

Kugler, an Omaha native and graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, is the former radio voice of University of Nebraska-Omaha Football and Basketball and was the play-by-play talent for the Omaha Racers of the CBA. He hosts the weekly “Big Red Wrap Up” Husker football program and numerous other play by play broadcasts on Nebraska Educational Television.

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