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**BIDDEFORD HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MAINE VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 14, 2010) — In its third decade of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Keila Grigware of Biddeford High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Maine Volleyball Player of the Year. Grigware is the first Gatorade Maine Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Biddeford 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 court, distinguishes Grigware as Maine's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award announced in December, Grigware joins an elite alumni association of past state volleyball award winners, including USA Volleyball Olympians Kim Glass (2001-02, Horseshoe HS, Penn.), Kim Willoughby (1998-99, 1999-00, Assumption HS, La.) and Ogonna Nnamani (1999-00, University HS, Ill).

The 5-foot-10 senior outside hitter led the Tigers to a 15-1 record and the Class A state title this past season. Grigware recorded 212 kills, 106 digs and 60 service aces and was named to the All-State First Team for the third consecutive season.

Grigware has maintained a weighted 5.05 GPA on a 6.0 scale in the classroom. Also a basketball and track standout, she has volunteered locally at an area soup kitchen and has donated her time fundraising to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

"Grigware is an excellent hitter and a strong server," said Lisa Curley, head coach of rival Gorham High. "She never stops—she has that great determination to finish every play."

Grigware remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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 ESPN RISE and the Gatorade high school sports leadership team, 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.

Grigware joins recent Gatorade Maine Volleyball Players of the Year Michaela Campbell (2009-10 & 2008-09, Greely) and Mariah Grover (2007-08, Mount Desert Island) among the state's list of former award winners.

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