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**LONDONDERRY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Katie Schwarz of Londonderry High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade New Hampshire Volleyball Player of the Year. Schwarz is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Londonderry 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 Schwarz as New Hampshire's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award announced in December, Schwarz 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 Lancers to a 22-0 record and the Division I state championship this past season. Schwarz recorded 297 kills, 145 digs and 24 assists. The 2010 New Hampshire Volleyball Coaches Association Division I Co-Player of the Year with her twin sister, Megan, Katie Schwarz is a two-time NHVCA First Team All-State selection and a two-time *Lawrence Eagle-Tribune* All-Area selection.

Schwarz has maintained a 3.94 GPA in the classroom and ranks No. 3 in her class. A member of the Mu Alpha Theta Mathematics Honor Society and the National Spanish Honor Society, she has volunteered locally with the Special Olympics and the Relay for Life.

"Katie Schwarz can play outside and middle," said Karen Harrington, Schwarz's club coach with Latitude 42. "She knows the game very well and has a high volleyball IQ. She can play any position on the court."

Schwarz will attend Johns Hopkins University next fall, where she will play volleyball.

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.

Schwarz joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Volleyball Players of the Year Maria Kuehl (2009-10, Farmington), Amanda Saab (2008-09, Salem) and Lauren Laquerre (2007-08, Concord) 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 [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com).

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