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**ISSAQUAH HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® WASHINGTON 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 Rachel Roeder of Issaquah High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Washington Volleyball Player of the Year. Roeder is the first Gatorade Washington Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Issaquah 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 Roeder as Washington's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award announced in December, Roeder 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 6-foot-1 senior outside hitter recorded 469 kills, 252 digs, 67 service aces and 28 blocks this past season while posting a kill percentage of .449, leading the Eagles (26-3) to the Class 4A state final. The KingCo Class 4A Most Valuable Player and a member of the *Seattle Times* Star-Times Team, Roeder recorded 30 kills in a state-semifinal victory over Olympia High. She is Issaquah's career leader with 1,127 kills, second with 263 service aces and third with 1,068 digs.

Roeder has maintained a B average in the classroom. She has volunteered locally at an area homeless shelter and food bank, as a youth coach and as an assistant with the Issaquah High Sports Medicine program.

"Playing against Rachel Roeder the last three years, especially this last year, she really came into her own," said Mike Mills, head coach of rival Woodinville High. "When we played her, we had to set our offense and defense around where she would be. She's the one player we had to do that with this season."

Roeder will attend Western Washington University this 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.

Roeder joins recent Gatorade Washington Volleyball Players of the Year Alexis Olgard (2009-10, Mead), Kylin Munoz (2008-09, Monroe) and Brittany Quick (2007-08, Hanford) 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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