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**CENTENNIAL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE IDAHO GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 11, 2010) — In its 25th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Sofia Huerta of Centennial High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Idaho Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Huerta is the first Gatorade Idaho Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Centennial 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 field, distinguishes Huerta as Idaho's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Huerta joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Kevin Garnett (1992-93, Maudlin HS, S.C.), Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, East Brunswick HS, N.J.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The 5-foot-7 junior midfielder recorded 30 goals and 10 assists this past season, leading the Patriots (12-5-2) to the Class 5A state tournament semifinals. An ESPN RISE Third Team All-American selection and the Southern Idaho Conference Class 5A Player of the Year, Huerta is a member of the 1993 U.S. Youth Soccer Region IV Olympic Development Program team. Huerta tallied six hat tricks on the season and scored six of Centennial's seven goals in its three postseason games. She has recorded 78 goals and 27 assists in her varsity career.

Huerta has maintained a 3.65 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered as a local youth soccer and basketball instructor and with US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer, a community-based training and team-placement program for young athletes with disabilities. Huerta has also donated her time as a landscaper for area elderly and disabled.

"After Sofia Huerta, there are all the other ones," said Chris Siegenthaler, head coach of rival Boise High. "At any moment she can do something that will torch your team. We played her four times this year, and she scored three ridiculous goals on us. At one moment, she can make something happen that can turn the game. We haven't had anything like Sofia Huerta in a few years. She's just gifted."

Huerta has verbally committed to play soccer on scholarship at Santa Clara University beginning in the fall of 2011.

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.

Huerta joins recent Gatorade Idaho Girls Soccer Players of the Year Miah Mollay (2008-09, Boise), Halley Kreminski (2007-08, Eagle), and Brandy Hickcox (2006-07, Capital) among the state's list of former award winners.

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