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**BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE MARYLAND 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 Alex Doll of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Maryland Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Doll is the first Gatorade Maryland Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Bethesda-Chevy Chase 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 Doll as Maryland'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, Doll 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 10 goals and 13 assists this past season, leading the Barons (18-1) to the Class 4A state title. A First Team All-State and a *Washington Post* First Team All-Met honoree, Doll is a member of the U.S. Soccer Federation Under-17 Women's National Team and was an All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. She has recorded 31 goals and 49 assists to this point in her varsity career.

Doll has maintained a 3.97 GPA in the classroom. An accomplished pianist and member of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Jazz Band and Jazz Band Combo, she has served in her school's student government. Doll has also donated her time as a local youth soccer instructor and with her school's literary magazine, Chips.

"Alex Doll can play any position on the field and make every player on her team better," said Mike Hayes, head coach of rival Rockville High. "When she gets the ball, you know you're going to get something special. She played offensive center mid this year and was awesome because she can create so much. It's special every time she gets the ball."

Doll has verbally committed to play soccer on scholarship at Stanford 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.

Doll joins recent Gatorade Maryland Girls Soccer Players of the Year Caroline Miller (2008-09, Walter Johnson) and Christine Nairn (2007-08 & 2006-07, Archbishop Spalding) among the state's list of former award winners.

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