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**BONNEVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE UTAH GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 11, 2010) — In its 25<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Jaiden Thornock of Bonneville High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Utah Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Thornock is the first Gatorade Utah Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Bonneville 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 Thornock as Utah'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, Thornock 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-4 junior forward recorded 26 goals and 10 assists this past season, leading the Lakers (15-3) to the Class 4A state championship match. The two-time Class 4A MVP for the *Salt Lake Tribune*, Thornock is a member of the U.S. Youth Soccer 1993 Region IV Olympic Development Program team. Thornock scored at least one goal in all 18 of Bonneville's games in 2009 and she has recorded 54 career goals through her junior season.

Thornock has maintained a 3.98 GPA in the classroom. An active member of her church community, she has volunteered locally as a youth soccer instructor and at an assisted living facility.

"She has the drive and the work-rate besides her natural God-given speed," said Bonneville High Head Coach Lane Barker. "She battles like you've never seen."

Thornock has verbally committed to play soccer on scholarship at Brigham Young 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.

Thornock joins recent Gatorade Utah Girls Soccer Players of the Year Kealia Ohai (2008-09 & 2007-08, Alta) and Megan Ohai (2006-07, Alta) 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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