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**CAESAR RODNEY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE DELAWARE GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 13, 2010) — In its 25th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Jazmine Reeves of Caesar Rodney High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Delaware Girls Soccer Player of the Year.

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 Reeves as Delaware'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, Reeves 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 state's returning Gatorade Girls Soccer Player of the Year, Reeves had recorded 29 goals and 9 assists at the time of her selection, leading the Riders (14-0) to a perfect mark entering a May 13 regular-season clash with Sussex Tech. The 5-foot-6 senior forward has been selected First Team All-State each of the last three seasons and is a two-time All-American honoree by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. She has scored 137 career goals and holds the state single-season record with 50 goals, scored during her sophomore year.

Reeves has maintained an A average in the classroom. Also a basketball and volleyball standout, she has volunteered locally as an elementary school tutor and on behalf of her school's mentoring program.

"She has great technical skills and great tactical skills on the field," said Michelle Kersey, head coach of rival Lake Forest High. "She's just an all-around good soccer player."

Reeves has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Virginia Tech this fall.

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.

Reeves joins recent Gatorade Delaware Girls Soccer Players of the Year Morgan Morrow (2007-08, Padua Academy) and Brittiny Rhoades (2006-07, Padua Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

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