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**MILILANI HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII 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 Mari Miyashiro of Mililani High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Hawaii Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Miyashiro is the first Gatorade Hawaii Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Mililani 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 Miyashiro as Hawaii'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, Miyashiro 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-1 senior forward led the Trojans (17-1) to the Division I state championship game this past season, recording 16 goals and 10 assists. The *Honolulu Advertiser* Player of the Year and the Oahu Interscholastic Association Red West Player of the Year, Miyashiro is a member of the U.S. Youth Soccer Region IV Olympic Development Program. She concluded her prep career with 55 goals and 41 assists.

Miyashiro has maintained a 3.39 GPA in the classroom. A member of her school's Key Club, she has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach and on behalf of the Hawaii United Okinawan Association.

"Mari Miyashiro, I got to see quite a bit of her in the state tournament," said Scott Keopuhiwa, an assistant coach with the Kamehameha School. "She was very impressive. The girl played so hard and with so much heart. She made such a big impact on the field. She's a good all-around player."

Miyashiro has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Utah State University 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.

Miyashiro joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Girls Soccer Players of the Year Jayann Gabrio (2008-09, Punahou School), Tani Costa (2007-08, Kalani), and Mari Punzal (2006-07, Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama Campus) among the state's list of former award winners.

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