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**JAMESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA 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 Jenae Dabill of Jamestown High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade North Dakota Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Dabill is the second Gatorade North Dakota Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Jamestown 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 Dabill as North Dakota'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, Dabill 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-6 junior midfielder/forward had recorded seven goals and four assists at the time of her selection, leading the Blue Jays to a 5-3-2 mark. Dabill has been a First Team All-State and All-Western Dakota Association selection each of the past two years.

Dabill has maintained a 3.65 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, the Salvation Army and youth soccer programs.

"She's got very good foot skills and tremendous vision of the field," said Brandi Harty, head coach of rival Bismarck High. "She's just an excellent player all-around."

Dabill has verbally committed to play soccer on scholarship at North Dakota State 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.

Dabill joins recent Gatorade North Dakota Girls Soccer Players of the Year Hannah Langseth (2008-09, Shanley) and Rachael Loomis (2007-08 & 2006-07, Fargo South) among the state's list of former award winners.

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