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**BILLINGS WEST HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MONTANA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 18, 2010) — In its 25th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Zach Moyers of Billings West High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Montana Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Moyers is the second Gatorade Montana Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Billings West 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 Moyers as Montana's best high school boys soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Moyers joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Kevin Garnett (1992-93, Maudlin HS, S.C.), Tony Meola (1986-87, Kearney HS, N.J.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The 5-foot-9, 165-pound junior midfielder recorded three goals and 15 assists this past season, leading the Bears (14-0-1) to their second straight Class AA state championship. The Eastern Division Class AA Player of the Year and a member of the *Great Falls Tribune* Super Soccer Team, Moyers assisted on both goals for Billings West in its 2-1 state final win against Hellgate High.

Moyers has maintained a B average in the classroom. The president of the Billings West High Ski Club, he has volunteered as a mentor to underclassmen and has served in his school's student government.

"Zach Moyers is the consummate soccer player," said Billings West Head Coach Mike Mayott. "He covers the entire field and sees the entire field. He's got speed, he's got a skill set, he's got mental toughness. Zach is always figuring out 'How do I change this game so I can win it?' That's his mindset. That's what sets him apart."

Moyers will begin his senior year of high school 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.

Moyers joins recent Gatorade Montana Boys Soccer Players of the Year Jack Pueringer (2008-09, Billings West), Garion Holian (2007-08, Hellgate), and Adam Clinch (2006-07, Capital) among the state's list of former award winners.

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