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**JORDAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® NORTH CAROLINA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 18, 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 Teddy Mullin of Jordan High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade North Carolina Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Mullin is the first Gatorade North Carolina Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Jordan 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 Mullin as North Carolina'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, Mullin 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-10, 150-pound junior midfielder recorded six goals and 12 assists this past season, leading the Falcons (21-1) to the Class 4A East state tournament Round of 16. A member of the U.S. Youth Soccer 1992 Region III Olympic Development Program team, Mullin was the Pac 6 Conference Player of the Year and a Class 4A First Team All-State selection.

Mullin has maintained a 3.41 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered as a local youth soccer instructor and on behalf of Invisible Children, an organization dedicated to easing human suffering in war-torn Uganda.

"Teddy Mullin is one of those kids who has an unbelievable mind for the game," said Dewan Bader, Triangle Futbol Club's Director of Coaching. "He's very creative with the ball, he's unselfish and he gets his teammates involved. He also has really good vision. He's not just an assist guy, he's a goal-scorer. When the team needs a goal, he figures out to get things done."

Mullin has verbally committed to play soccer on scholarship at Wake Forest 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.

Mullin joins recent Gatorade North Carolina Boys Soccer Players of the Year Ben Newnam (2008-09, East Forsyth), Watt Williams (2007-08, Broughton), and Clint Irwin (2006-07, Charlotte Christian School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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