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**CHARIHO HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® RHODE ISLAND 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 Nick Dubee of Chariho High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Rhode Island Boys 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 Dubee as Rhode Island'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, Dubee 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 6-foot senior forward recorded 30 goals and 11 assists this past season, leading the Chargers (16-1-3) to the program's first Division I state championship. The 2008-09 Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Soccer Player of the Year, Dubee is a two-time All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and a two-time *Providence Journal* First Team All-State honoree. Dubee scored a school-record 30 goals this past season and was named MVP of the Division I state tournament.

Dubee has maintained a B-plus average in the classroom. A peer tutor at Chariho High and a mentor to local middle school students, he has also volunteered at a YMCA and a food bank in the area.

"Nick Dubee was by far and away the best player in the state," said Don Denham, head coach of rival Barrington High. "For one, he tore my team up. He's extremely quick and can stop with a ball on a dime. He's got a killer left foot. He's the best scorer we have in the state."

Dubee will attend the United States Naval Academy this fall, where he will play soccer.

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.

Two-time awardee Dubee joins recent Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Soccer Player of the Year Brett Uttley (2007-08 & 2006-07, North Kingstown) among the state's list of former award winners.

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