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**JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® LOUISIANA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 6, 2010) — In its 25th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Steven Cabos of Jesuit High School as its 2009-10 Gatorade Louisiana Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Cabos is the second Gatorade Louisiana Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Jesuit 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 Cabos as Louisiana'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, Cabos 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 junior midfielder recorded 20 goals and 19 assists this past season, leading the Blue Jays (30-0-1) to the Division I state championship and a No. 3 ranking in the ESPN RISE Fab 50. A First Team All-State selection each of the past two seasons, Cabos was named the Division I MVP and the *Times-Picayune* All-Metro Offensive Player of the Year.

Cabos has maintained a 3.29 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of a soccer program for disabled children.

"Technically and tactically he's the savviest player out there," said Louie Smothermon, head coach of rival Brother Martin High. "He's explosive, and he can beat you in any way."

Cabos 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.

Cabos joins recent Gatorade Louisiana Boys Soccer Players of the Year Patrick Mullins (2008-09, Jesuit), Nick Flowers (2007-08, Caddo Parish Magnet), and Andrew Mullins (2006-07, Jesuit) among the state's list of former award winners.

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