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**BISHOP DWENGER HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE INDIANA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 10, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Sarah Killion of Bishop Dwenger High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Killion is the first Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Dwenger 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 Killion as Indiana'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, Killion 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-8 senior midfielder recorded 22 goals and 19 assists this past season, leading the Saints (14-4-2) to the state regional tournament. Now a three-time Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year and a member of the U.S. Soccer Under-18 Women's National Team Player Pool, Killion was a 2010 ESPN RISE First Team All-American selection and the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association Player of the Year. A two-time National Soccer Coaches Association of America Youth All-American and a 2010 NSCAA High School Scholar All-American, Killion concluded her prep soccer career with 63 goals and 73 assists.

Killion has maintained an A average in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society, she has served as a Bishop Dwenger school ambassador in addition to volunteering locally as a youth soccer instructor and as a counselor at a camp for underprivileged children.

"No matter what the level is, Sarah Killion is true to the game," said Matt Chura, head coach of rival Canterbury High. "You can play her as a center back, a center mid, a forward, and she'll play the position as it should be played. She has a great understanding of the game. She makes everyone around her better. She does all the little things well."

Killion has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at UCLA 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.

Three-time winner Killion joins recent Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year Ashley Auld (2007-08, Noblesville High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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