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**BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE MARYLAND 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 Alex Doll of Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Maryland Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Doll is the first Gatorade Maryland Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Bethesda-Chevy Chase 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 Doll as Maryland'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, Doll 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-9 senior midfielder led the Barons to a 17-2-1 record and their second straight Class 4A state championship this past season. Doll scored 12 goals and passed for 19 assists, including a goal and two assists in a 4-1 win over Bowie High in the state final. Also the 2009-10 Gatorade Maryland Girls Soccer Player of the Year, Doll was the 2010 National Soccer Coaches Association of America High School Scholar Athlete of the Year. She is a two-time NSCAA High School All-American and a three-time NSCAA Youth All-American for her club play. The 2010 Washington Post Player of the Year and a member of the U.S. Soccer Under-18 Women's National Team, Doll concluded her prep soccer career with 43 goals and 68 assists.

Doll has maintained a 3.98 GPA in the classroom. A drummer with the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Jazz Band and Pep Band, she has served in her school's student government and has volunteered locally at a shelter for abused children.

"Alex Doll is the best player in Maryland, hands down," said Clyde Watson, head coach of club team rival McLean Strikers. "All of what she does comes from her passion for the game. Not only is she extremely talented, she's the kind of kid who will go and work on her own. She has this intense desire to get better, and it shows in the way she plays."

Doll has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Stanford University 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.

Two-time winner Doll joins recent Gatorade Maryland Girls Soccer Players of the Year Caroline Miller (2008-09, Walter Johnson High School), and Christine Nairn (2007-08, Archbishop Spalding High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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