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**BEND SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE OREGON GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 10, 2011) — In its 26<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Maryn Beutler of Bend Senior High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Beutler is the first Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Bend Senior 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 Beutler as Oregon'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, Beutler 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-2 junior midfielder recorded nine goals and 15 assists this past season, leading the Lava Bears (7-5-3) to the Class 5A state quarterfinals. The 2009-10 Oregon State Olympic Development Program Player of the Year and a member of the U.S. Youth Soccer 1994 Region IV ODP team, Beutler was a 2010 Class 5A First Team All-State selection and helped Bend High to back-to-back Class 5A state titles in 2008 and 2009. Through her junior year, Beutler has recorded 24 goals and 26 assists in her prep soccer career.

Beutler has maintained a 3.93 GPA in the classroom. A peer tutor and youth soccer coach, she has volunteered locally with area blood-donation drives and the U.S. Youth Soccer TOPSoccer program, a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with disabilities.

"Maryn Beutler is a kid that can change the game," said Kyle Steinbaugh, Beutler's club coach with the Oregon Rush and an assistant coach with the 1994 Region IV ODP team. "She is very technical, very fast with the ball and pretty crafty with it. She's very good."

Beutler has verbally committed to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Oregon beginning in the fall of 2012.

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.

Beutler joins recent Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Players of the Year Sarah Bridges (2009-10, Jesuit), Kendall Johnson (2008-09, Lincoln High School), and Courtney Verloo (2007-08, Tualatin High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners, and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com).

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