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**GLACIER PEAK HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE WASHINGTON 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 Brooke Gilbert of Glacier Peak High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Washington Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Gilbert is the first Gatorade Washington Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Glacier Peak 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 Gilbert as Washington'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, Gilbert 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-6 senior midfielder recorded 15 goals and three assists this past season, leading the Grizzlies (18-2-1) to the Class 3A state tournament. A 2010 ESPN RISE Second Team All-American and a four-time First Team All-West County League selection, Gilbert is a member of the U.S. Soccer Under-17 Women's National Team.

Gilbert has maintained a 3.68 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally as a youth mentor and soccer instructor.

"Brooke Gilbert is probably the most intelligent soccer player in youth soccer that I've had," said Richard Reece, Gilbert's club coach with the Emerald City Soccer Club. "She's very good positionally and has fantastic distribution. At whatever level you put her in, she rises to the top of that group."

Gilbert has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Texas 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.

Gilbert joins recent Gatorade Washington Girls Soccer Players of the Year Lindsay Elston (2009-10, Eastlake), Emily Hurd (2008-09, Eastlake High School), and Kate Deines (2007-08, Issaquah High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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