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**CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MISSOURI BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 23, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Alec Cochran of Christian Brothers College High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Missouri Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Cochran is the second Gatorade Missouri Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Christian Brothers College 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 Cochran as Missouri'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, Cochran 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 6-foot-2, 190-pound senior defender anchored a defense that posted 14 shutouts this past season, leading the Cadets (20-8-2) to the Round of 16 at the Class 3 state tournament. An All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Cochran is a member of the U.S. Soccer Under-18 Men's National Team Player Pool. He was the Missouri High School Soccer Coaches Association Class 3 Defensive Player of the Year and a two-time St. Louis Post-Dispatch All-Metro selection.

Cochran has maintained a 3.19 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally with underprivileged children and as a youth soccer coach.

"Alec Cochran is tremendous in the air, a very good, hard tackler and a very good athlete," said Dale Schilly, Cochran's club coach with the St. Louis Scott Gallagher Soccer Club. "He's just a hard center back. He's very good."

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

Cochran joins recent Gatorade Missouri Boys Soccer Players of the Year Adnan Gabeljic (2009-10, Mehlville), Alex Sweetin (2008-09, Rockhurst), and Will Bruin (2007-08, De Smet Jesuit) among the state's list of former award winners.

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