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**HICKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® NEW YORK BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 23, 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 Timothy Parker of Hicksville High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade New York Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Parker is the first Gatorade New York Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Hicksville 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 Parker as New York'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, Parker 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 5-foot-10 senior forward/defender recorded 25 goals and eight assists this past season, leading the Comets (16-1) to the Nassau County semifinals. An All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Parker is on the roster of the U.S. Soccer Federation Under-18 Men's National Team. He was also named New York State Player of the Year and a Second Team ESPN RISE All-American.

Parker has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, youth soccer programs and an area soup kitchen.

"He's got all the athleticism you could ask for, and on top of that he reads the game very well," said Keith Stanley, head coach of rival Massapequa High. "He's hard to mark, and when he needs to, he can take over a game."

Parker has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at St. John's University.

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.

Parker joins recent Gatorade New York Boys Soccer Players of the Year Alex Bramall (2009-10, Newburgh Free Academy), Brian Rogers (2008-09, Bronxville), and Will Ogden (2007-08, Byram Hills) among the state's list of former award winners.

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