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**LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® OHIO 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 Wil Trapp of Lincoln High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Ohio Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Trapp is the first Gatorade Ohio Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Lincoln 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 Trapp as Ohio'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, Trapp 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-9, 155-pound senior midfielder recorded 19 goals and 11 assists this past season, leading the Lions (19-1-1) to the Division I state quarterfinals. The 2009-10 Gatorade Ohio Boys Soccer Player of the Year as a junior, Trapp was a 2010 ESPN RISE First Team All-American selection and earned high school boys soccer National Player of the Year honors in 2010 from the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. A member of the U.S. Soccer Under-18 Men's National Team, Trapp was also the 2010 Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association Mr. Soccer winner and the OSSCA Division I Player of the Year.

Trapp has maintained a 3.98 GPA in the classroom. A member of the Gahanna Lincoln High School varsity choir, he has volunteered locally with the YMCA and as an altar boy at his church.

"Wil Trapp is the best player in Ohio," said Ian Gordona, Trapp's club coach with the Columbus Crew Juniors. "Whether it's practice or school, there's a professional focus to the kid that's beyond everybody. He's got the ability to score when he needs to, but again he's not the kid who scores all the goals. He tries to develop everything to make others better."

Trapp has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Akron 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 Trapp joins recent Gatorade Ohio Boys Soccer Players of the Year Matt Wiet (2008-09, Worthington Kilbourne), and Nick Blevins (2007-08, Bloom Carroll) 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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