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JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® OREGON 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 Jake Bishop of Jesuit High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Oregon Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Bishop is the fifth Gatorade Oregon Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Jesuit 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 Bishop as Oregon'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, Bishop 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, 165-pound senior forward led the Crusaders to a 17-3 record and the Class 6A state championship this past season. Bishop recorded 20 goals and nine assists, including the first goal in Jesuit's 2-0 win over Beaverton High in the state title game. The Oregonian's Class 6A Player of the Year, Bishop was also the Metro League Player of the Year. He concluded his prep soccer career with 39 goals and 21 assists.

Bishop has maintained a 3.80 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach and on behalf of multiple faith-based initiatives.

"He's a guy you want on your team because he just wins," said Brandon McNeil, Bishop's club coach with FC Portland. "He's willing to get crushed. He had a heck of a high school season."

Bishop will attend Claremont McKenna College in California this fall, where he will play soccer.

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.

Bishop joins recent Gatorade Oregon Boys Soccer Players of the Year Thomas Iwasaki (2009-10, Lake Oswego), Jonathan Flores (2008-09, McMinnville), and Chilo Rivera (2007-08, Glencoe) among the state's list of former award winners.

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