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**PROVIDENCE COUNTRY DAY STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® RHODE ISLAND 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 Marcos Ugarte of Providence Country Day as its 2010-11 Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Ugarte is the first Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Providence Country Day.

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 Ugarte as Rhode Island'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, Ugarte 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-7, 140-pound senior midfielder and forward recorded 16 goals and three assists this past season, leading the Knights to a 5-13 record. An All-New England Region selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Ugarte was a Providence Journal All-State selection and a First Team All-State pick as voted by the state coaches. Ugarte concluded his prep soccer career with 27 goals and 32 assists.

Ugarte has maintained a 3.15 GPA in the classroom. A member of his school's Chess Club, he has volunteered locally at a youth soccer camp and with Habitat for Humanity.

"Marcos Ugarte has really good foot skills and a good awareness on the field," said Mike Shiels, head coach of rival Chariho High. "He's a really good offensive player. He's definitely a kid if he got by the first defender, you had to have a second defender ready. You definitely had to double-team him."

Ugarte has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Providence College 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.

Ugarte joins recent Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Soccer Players of the Year two-time winner Nick Dubee (2009-10 & 2008-09, Chariho), and Brett Uttley (2007-08, North Kingstown) 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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