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**MARQUETTE UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® WISCONSIN 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 Alex Megna of Marquette University High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Megna is the seventh Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Marquette University 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 Megna as Wisconsin'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, Megna 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 midfielder led the Hilltoppers to a 22-4-1 record and the Division I state title this past season. An All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Megna recorded 12 goals and 14 assists. He was a First Team All-State choice and was named Player of the Year by both the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel.

Megna has maintained a B average in the classroom. A devoted member of his church community, he has volunteered at a local nursing home and as a mentor for area elementary school students.

"He can get to any part of the field so quickly, and it's virtually impossible to mark him," said Eric Dale, head coach of rival Wauwatosa East High. "He's quick, he's got great skills, he's a great leader. And he possesses a motor that not many kids have."

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

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.

Megna joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Soccer Players of the Year David Caban (2009-10, Tremper), Robbie Boyd (2008-09, Marquette University), and Stuart Grable (2007-08, Neenah) 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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