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**CLACKAMAS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® OREGON GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 10, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Jen Reese of Clackamas High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Reese is the first Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Clackamas 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 court, distinguishes Reese as Oregon's best high school girls basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year award announced in March, Reese joins an elite alumni association of past state girls basketball award-winners, including Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Diana Taurasi (1998-99 & 1999-00, Don Antonio Lugo HS, Calif.), Maya Moore (2005-06 Collins Hill HS, Ga.), Rashanda McCants (2004-05, Asheville HS, N.C.), Shyra Ely (1999-00, Ben Davis HS, Ind.) and Lisa Leslie (1988-89, Morningside HS, Calif.)

The 6-foot-2 senior forward has led the Cavaliers to a 25-1 record and a berth in the Class 6A state quarterfinals against St. Mary's Academy, scheduled for March 10. The 2009-10 Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Player of the Year, Reese was averaging 20.0 points, 12.7 rebounds, 2.1 steals, 2.0 assists and 1.5 assists per game at the time of her selection. A three-time Three Rivers League Player of the Year, Reese shot 57.0 percent from the field and 71.5 percent from the free throw line through 26 games this winter. Entering the state postseason elite eight, she had recorded 1,667 points and 1,059 rebounds in her prep basketball career.

Reese has maintained a B average in the classroom. She has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach and on behalf of Clackamas High's Winter Rage, collecting money and donations to benefit the needy.

"Jen Reese is the best player in the state by anyone's measure," said Michael Abraham, Reese's AAU coach with Team Concept. "She gets multiple double- and triple-teams and is basically unstoppable. She was a dominant player last year and she's a dominant player this year. She produces night in and night out."

Reese has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Colorado 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 Reese joins fellow two-time Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Player of the Year winner Kate Lanz (2007-08 & 2008-09, Central Catholic) among the state's list of former award winners.

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