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**BOZEMAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® MONTANA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 17, 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 Tanner Roderick of Bozeman High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Montana Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Roderick is the first Gatorade Montana Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bozeman 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 Roderick as Montana's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Roderick joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Dwight Howard (2003-04, SW Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington HS, Colo.), Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame HS, Calif.), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood HS, Calif.) and Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln HS, Texas).

The 6-foot-2, 195-pound senior guard led the Hawks to a 21-2 record and the Class AA state championship this past season. He recorded 26 points, six rebounds and four assists in the 61-53 state title-clinching victory against Billings West. A two-time Class AA All-State selection, Roderick averaged 19.0 points, 4.3 rebounds, 3.6 assists and 2.5 steals per game in 2010-11. He shot 46 percent from the field, 38 percent from 3-point range and 69 percent from the free-throw line.

Also the state's 2010-11 Gatorade Football Player of the Year, Roderick has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered as a youth football and basketball instructor.

"He's the best overall athlete in the state," said Doug Robison, head coach of rival Billings West High. "He's also the best basketball player. He's a dominant factor on the court. He's a 6-foot-2 guard and a phenomenal jumper. He probably averaged a dunk per game. He's a good perimeter shooter and penetrator, and he's a very good defender. If he hadn't committed to play football in college, he probably would've gone Division I for basketball. He's that good."

Roderick has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football on scholarship at the University of Nevada at Reno this fall. He is only the third Montana athlete to earn Gatorade Player of the Year honors in two different sports in the award program's history, joining football and basketball standout Shane Collins (1986-87) as well as girls soccer and basketball winner Kirsten Tilleman (2006-07), both of Bozeman High.

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.

Roderick joins recent Gatorade Montana Boys Basketball Players of the Year Josh Huestis (2008-09 & 2009-10, C.M. Russell) and Andy Garland (2007-08, Sentinel), among the state's list of former award winners.

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