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**BROPHY COLLEGE PREPARATORY STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® ARIZONA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 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 Riggs Lennon of Brophy College Preparatory as its 2010-11 Gatorade Arizona Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Lennon is the first Gatorade Arizona Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Brophy College Preparatory.

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 Lennon as Arizona'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, Lennon 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.), Tony Meola (1986-87, Kearney HS, N.J.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The 6-foot, 175-pound sophomore striker led the Broncos to a 23-1-2 record and the Class 5A, Division I state title this past season. Lennon scored a school-record 35 goals and passed for four assists in his first year of high school soccer after spending his freshman year in residency with the U.S. Soccer Federation Under-17 Men's National Team in Bradenton, Fla. Lennon was named Player of the Year by the *Arizona Republic*, the *East Valley Tribune* and the Class 5A coaches.

Lennon has maintained a 3.64 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as part of a fundraising campaign to benefit needy families in Phoenix and in his school's Goals for Sierra Leone Project.

"We immediately knew it was going to be a fun year watching him score goals," said Brophy head coach Marc Kelly. "He scored goals that I'll never forget. Not just because they were beautiful, but because they were significant, timely and oftentimes devastating game-changers."

Lennon will begin his junior year of high school 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.

Lennon joins recent Gatorade Arizona Boys Soccer Players of the Year George Malki (2009-10, Pinnacle), Nick Ayers (2008-09, Brophy College Preparatory), and Temi Molinar (2007-08, Brophy College Preparatory) 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.

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