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**ROCKLIN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® CALIFORNIA 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 Seth Casiple of Rocklin High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade California Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Casiple is the first Gatorade California Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Rocklin 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 Casiple as California'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, Casiple 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 5-foot-9, 155-pound senior midfielder recorded five goals and five assists this past season, leading the Thunder (14-4-6) to the San-Joaquin Section Division II semifinals. A member of the U.S. Soccer Federation Under-18 Men's National Team, Casiple played as a defensive midfielder for Rocklin after spending his first three years as an attacking player. Casiple is a two-time Sierra Foothills League First Team selection and also served as the place kicker for the Rocklin High football team last fall. He concluded his prep soccer career with 19 goals and 35 assists.

Casiple has maintained a 3.18 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a coach with the Rocklin High girls soccer team and completed a service mission trip to Mexico, where he helped build houses.

"Seth Casiple's strength is his vision in the middle of the field and his quality of pass," said Paul O'Brien, Casiple's club coach with the California Development Academy. "His all-around technical game is pretty big-time. For me, of all the players I've been around, I've yet to see a player who stands out as much as he does in the center of the field."

Casiple has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of California-Berkeley 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.

Casiple joins recent Gatorade California Boys Soccer Players of the Year Reed Williams (2009-10, Corona del Mar) and two-time winner Adam Jahn (2007-08 & 2008-09, Jesuit) among the state's list of former award winners.

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