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**SAINT PAUL'S SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® LOUISIANA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 10, 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 Adrian McInnis of Saint Paul's School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Louisiana Boys Soccer Player of the Year. McInnis is the first Gatorade Louisiana Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Saint Paul's 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 McInnis as Louisiana'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, McInnis 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 senior midfielder/forward recorded 31 goals and 30 assists this past season, leading the Wolves Jays (30-2) to the Division I state championship and a No. 5 ranking in the ESPN RISE Fab 50. A First Team All-State selection each of the past three seasons, McInnis was named the state Division I MVP and MVP of the state championship title game. He concluded his prep soccer career with 71 goals and 89 assists.

McInnis has maintained a 3.77 GPA in the classroom. A dedicated member of his church youth group, he has volunteered locally on behalf of Habitat for Humanity and youth soccer programs.

"McInnis is the complete package," said Louie Smothermon, head coach of rival Brother Martin High. "He's excellent on the ball, he can strike well with both feet and he's got good vision. He'll attack and defend."

McInnis has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Furman University 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.

McInnis joins recent Gatorade Louisiana Boys Soccer Players of the Year Steven Cabos (2009-10, Jesuit), Patrick Mullins (2008-09, Jesuit High School), and Nick Flowers (2007-08, Caddo Parish Magnet) 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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