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**SANTA MARGARITA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE CALIFORNIA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 12, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Lauren Bohaboy of Santa Margarita Catholic High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade California Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Bohaboy is the second Gatorade California Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Santa Margarita Catholic 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 Bohaboy as California's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Bohaboy joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, East Brunswick HS, N.J.) and Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.).

The 5-foot-7 senior forward recorded 51 goals and 10 assists this past season, leading the Eagles (24-4-3) to the CIF-Southern Section Division I semifinals. The CIF Division I State Player of the Year, Bohaboy is a two-time All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and was a 2010 ESPN RISE First Team All-American. The No. 5 recruit in the Class of 2011 as rated by *TopDrawerSoccer.com*, she concluded her prep soccer career with 100 goals and 34 assists.

Bohaboy has maintained a 3.73 GPA in the classroom. She founded the "Be an Angel, Save a Life" campaign to help immunize children in Africa against the measles. Bohaboy has also volunteered locally with the Pacific Marine Mammal Center and as part of fundraising campaigns to benefit abused children and the needy.

"I would classify Lauren Bohaboy as the best front-runner in the country," said Randy Dodge, head coach of Bohaboy's club team, the So Cal Blues. "She has a great shot with either foot, she can get around players. And she scores in the big games."

Bohaboy has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Notre Dame 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.

Bohaboy joins recent Gatorade California Girls Soccer Players of the Year Abby Dahlkemper, (2009-10, Sacred Heart Prep.), Lauren Matheson (2008-09, Mission Viejo), and Teresa Noyola (2007-08, Palo Alto) among the state's list of former award winners.

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