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**SKUTT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE NEBRASKA 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 Mayme Conroy of Skutt Catholic High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Nebraska Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Conroy is the first Gatorade Nebraska Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Skutt 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 Conroy as Nebraska'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, Conroy 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-9 senior forward has led the SkyHawks to an 11-3 record and a berth in the Class B state quarterfinals against Hastings High, scheduled for May 13. Conroy scored 12 goals and passed for six assists entering the postseason round of eight despite missing the season's first five games as she recovered from a torn anterior cruciate ligament in her right knee. The captain of the 2010 *Omaha World Herald* All-State Team and the 2010 Lincoln Journal Star All-State team, Conroy is Skutt's career leader with 81 goals.

Conroy has maintained a B average in the classroom. She has volunteered locally at a homeless shelter and on behalf of multiple organizations through Catholic Charities, including Goodwill.

"Mayme came back in four months from her ACL injury," said Tawnya Mann, an assistant coach at Skutt Catholic. "You would never know that the girl tore her ACL. She's still a phenomenal player. To still be one of the leading scorers in the state and that athletic is amazing."

Conroy has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Nebraska 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.

Conroy joins recent Gatorade Nebraska Girls Soccer Players of the Year Katie Pickinpaugh, (2009-10, Millard West), Allie Adam (2008-09, Millard West), and Molly Thomas (2007-08, Millard North) among the state's list of former award winners.

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