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**CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 12, 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 Tessa Neameyer of Century High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade North Dakota Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Neameyer is the second Gatorade North Dakota Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Century 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 Neameyer as North Dakota'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, Neameyer 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-6 senior midfielder has led the Patriots to a 4-0-2 record entering this week's regular-season contest with Minot High, scheduled for May 12. Neameyer recorded three goals and two assists during the team's first six games. She has been named to the All-State Tournament Team each of the last two seasons.

Neameyer has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom and represents one of the state's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade Award's broad criteria. A member of her school's student council, she has volunteered locally on behalf of youth sports programs and a homeless shelter.

"Neameyer has been the leader of that team," said Matt Pfau, head coach of rival Minot High. "She sees everything that's happening on the field."

Neameyer remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Neameyer joins recent Gatorade North Dakota Girls Soccer Players of the Year Jenae Dabill, (2009-10, Jamestown), Hannah Langseth (2008-09, Shanley), and Rachael Loomis (2007-08, Fargo South) 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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