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**JENKS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE OKLAHOMA 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 Liz Keester of Jenks High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Keester is the third Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Jenks 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 Keester as Oklahoma'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, Keester 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 sophomore forward recorded 24 goals and 13 assists this past season, leading the Trojans (12-3) to the Class 6A quarterfinals. A member of the U.S. Soccer Federation Under-17 Women's National Team, Keester was named MVP of the Heart of America Classic.

Keester has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and a youth anti-drug initiative.

"Keester can be a game-changer at any time," said Sam Bowers, head coach of rival Owasso High. "She's athletic, fast and can really strike a ball well."

Keester will begin her junior year of high school 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.

Keester joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Soccer Players of the Year Hayley Harryman, (2009-10, Edmond North), Caitlin Mooney (2008-09, Edmond Sante Fe), and Katie Bykowski (2007-08, Bishop Kelley) among the state's list of former award winners.

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