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**DIMOND HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE ALASKA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 15, 2012) — In its 27th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Michael Sedor of Dimond High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Alaska Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Sedor is the first Gatorade Alaska Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Dimond 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 Sedor as Alaska'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, Sedor 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-8 senior midfielder has led the Lynx to a 13-1 record entering the regional playoffs against Bartlett, scheduled for May 17. Sedor scored 10 goals and passed for seven assists in the regular season. He was a Second Team All-Cook Inlet Conference selection and a member of the All-State Tournament Team in 2011.

Sedor has maintained a 4.14 GPA in the classroom. A member of his school's swing choir, he has served in student government and has participated in recycling and environmental awareness initiatives with Dimond's Green Effects club.

"Sedor is super quick and he's one of the smartest players I've seen," said Dan Rufner, head coach at Service High. "He's a really good leader and he makes everyone around him better."

Sedor will attend Gonzaga this fall, where he will play soccer.

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 ESPNHS 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.

Sedor joins recent Gatorade Alaska Boys Soccer Players of the Year Kirby Hutto (2010-11, South Anchorage High School), Jon Hall, (2009-10, South Anchorage), Blaine Carver (2008-09, Soldotna High School), Colin Flynn (2007-08, Juneau-Douglas), and Spencer Augustin (2006-2007, South) among the state's list of former award winners.

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