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**KALANI HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE HAWAII 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 Leo Klink of Kalani High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Hawaii Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Klink is the first Gatorade Hawaii Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Kalani 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 Klink as Hawaii'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, Klink 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-10, 150-pound junior forward scored 25 goals and passed for five assists this past season, leading the Falcons (15-2) to a runner-up finish in the Division I state tournament. The 2012 Honolulu Advertiser Player of the Year and the Oahu Interscholastic Association East Player of the Year, Klink was a 2012 First Team Division I All-State Tournament selection. He concluded his junior year with 39 career goals.

Klink has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Honolulu Marathon and as part of fundraising campaigns to benefit the March of Dimes and victims of the 2011 earthquake in Japan.

"Leo Klink has such a high work-rate. He's a team player, very selfless," said Aundrea Toner, Klink's club coach with Abunai 95. "There's no hesitation with him. He doesn't quit, he doesn't give up. He is always all-in."

Klink will begin his senior 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 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.

Klink joins recent Gatorade Hawaii Boys Soccer Players of the Year Scott Granger (2010-11, Punahou School), Cody Sullivan, (2009-10, Mid-Pacific Institute), Nick Goo (2008-09, Iolani School), Zane Dydasco (2007-08, Kamehameha Schools-Kapalama), and Kekoa Osorio (2006-2007, Kamehameha Schools, Kapalama Campus) among the state's list of former award winners.

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