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**BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE NEVADA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 23, 2012) — In its 27<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Haley Wingender of Bishop Gorman High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Nevada Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Wingender is the fourth Gatorade Nevada Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Gorman 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 Wingender as Nevada'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, Wingender 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-7 senior forward led the Gaels to a 17-3-2 record and the Class 4A state title this past season. Wingender scored 33 goals and passed for 20 assists, including two goals and an assist in Gorman's 4-0 win over Green Valley in the state championship match. A three-time First Team All-Sunset Region selection and the 2011 Southwest League Player of the Year, Wingender was a three-time Class 4A First Team All-Southern Nevada honoree. She concluded her prep soccer career with 93 goals and 51 assists.

Wingender has maintained a 3.32 GPA in the classroom. A member of her school's chess club, she has volunteered locally on behalf of a beautification project at the St. Therese Center and as part of a project to remodel the Trendz Youth Center in addition to donating her time with the Special Olympics.

"When it mattered most, Haley Wingender stepped up and delivered a state title," said Roy Snyder, head coach of Green Valley High. "Her team absolutely destroyed us in the state final. A lot of that was that no defense in the state could contain her speed, athleticism and skill."

Wingender has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Northern Arizona University 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.

Wingender joins recent Gatorade Nevada Girls Soccer Players of the Year Lauren Kaskie (2010 - 11, Palo Verde High School), McKenzie Karas, (2009-10, Arbor View), Zakiya Bywaters (2008-09 Rancho), Jenna Riddle (2007-08, Centennial), Ashleigh Shoughro (2006-07, Palo Verde), Kelly Gaughan (2005-06, Bishop Gorman), Jessica Brown (2001-02, Bishop Gorman) and Amber Woodward (1997-98, Bishop Gorman) among the state's list of former award winners.

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