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**WINDHAM HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE MAINE BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 22, 2012) — In its 27th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Robby Lentine of Windham High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Maine Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Lentine is the first Gatorade Maine Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Windham 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 Lentine as Maine'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, Lentine 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 scored 21 goals and passed for 10 assists this past season, leading the Eagles (16-2) to the Class A state championship. An All-New England selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Lentine was also named First Team All-State and the Maine Telegram Player of the Year.

Lentine has maintained an A average in the classroom. A Spanish tutor in his school, he has volunteered locally on behalf of youth soccer programs and a summer camp for children with life-threatening illnesses.

"Lentine seems to be able to take care of anything at any time," said Rocco Frenzilli, head coach of rival Portland High. "Last year he was instrumental for them defensively, then this year he stepped up and took over more of an offensive role. He's the kind of kid who will make you pay if you don't watch him at all times."

Lentine will attend Virginia's Roanoke College 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.

Lentine joins recent Gatorade Maine Boys Soccer Players of the Year Fazal Nabi (2010 - 11, Portland High School), Gabe Hoffman-Johnson (2009-10, 2008-09 Falmouth), Oliver Blum (2007-08, Greely), and Jordan Hale (2006-2007, Falmouth) among the state's list of former award winners.

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