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**TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE KENTUCKY BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 19, 2013) — In its 28th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Chris Hubbard of Trinity High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Kentucky Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Hubbard is the fifth Gatorade Kentucky Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Trinity 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 Hubbard as Kentucky'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, Hubbard 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 6-foot-4, 200-pound senior goalkeeper recorded 16 shutouts and allowed eight goals this past season, leading the Shamrocks (20-2-1) to the 7th Region Tournament final. A First Team All-State selection by the Kentucky High School Soccer Coaches Association, Hubbard participated in the High School Soccer All-American Game in Birmingham, Ala., in December. He concluded his prep soccer career with 50 shutouts.

Hubbard has maintained a 3.86 GPA in the classroom. The senior class president at Trinity, he has volunteered locally as a peer tutor and as a school ambassador. He has also donated his time as part of a fundraising campaign to benefit African clean water initiatives.

"Trinity was solid this year, but Hubbard was the clear star and was crucial to their success," said Brad Davies, head coach of Louisville Collegiate School. "Take Chris off of Trinity, and I think they would have been impacted significantly."

Hubbard has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at the University of Notre Dame 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 the Gatorade high school sports leadership team in partnership with [USA TODAY High School Sports](#), 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.

Hubbard joins recent Gatorade Kentucky Boys Soccer Players of the Year Neil Henley (2011-12, St. Xavier High School), Oliver Brown (2010-11, St. Xavier High School), Lepe Seetane, (2009-10, Trinity High School), Kevin Bick (2008-09 & 2007-08, St. Xavier), and Josh Lipka (2006-2007, Lexington Catholic) among the state's list of former award winners.

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