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THE HAVERFORD SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE PENNSYLVANIA 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 Brett Campbell of The Haverford School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Campbell is the first Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from The Haverford 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 Campbell as Pennsylvania'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, Campbell 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 returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot-1, 170-pound senior forward led the Fords to an 18-2-1 record and a second straight Pennsylvania Independent Schools state championship this past season. Campbell scored 30 goals and passed for nine assists, including four goals and four assists in four postseason games. The MVP of the Inter-Ac League and a two-time Southeastern Pennsylvania Coaches Association All-Star, he concluded his prep soccer career with 93 goals and 27 assists.

Campbell has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. An avid drummer and pianist, he has volunteered locally at a nursing home and at Lankenau Hospital, where he received the Superior Service Award in July, 2011.

"Brett Campbell is an exceptional player," said Chris Fehrle, head coach of Germantown Academy. "He has an amazing knack for scoring and he is always dangerous. He is extremely fast and very difficult to defend."

Campbell has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at Georgetown University this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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 <u>USA TODAY High School Sports</u>, 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.

Campbell joins Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Soccer Players of the Year Zach Batteer (2010–11, Mt. Lebanon High School), Joseph Schmid, (2009–10, Wyoming Valley West High School), Andrew Wenger (2008–09 Warwick), Shane Pruitt (2007–08, Peters Township), and Bobby Warshaw (2006–2007, Mechanicsburg) among the state's list of former award winners.

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