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**CARDINAL NEWMAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE SOUTH CAROLINA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 14, 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 Koty Millard of Cardinal Newman School as its 2012-13 Gatorade South Carolina Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Millard is the second Gatorade South Carolina Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Cardinal Newman 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 Millard as South Carolina'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, Millard 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, 155-pound senior midfielder led the Cardinals to a 20-6-2 record and the South Carolina Independent School Association Class AAA state championship this past season. Millard scored 26 goals and passed for 20 assists, including a hat trick in a 4-3 win over Pinewood Prep in the state title game. A member of the U.S. Soccer Under-18 Men's National Team player pool, he was the only boy in the country named a High School All-American, a Youth All-American (for club play) and a Scholar-Athlete All-American in 2012 by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. He was also the 2013 SCSoccer.com State Player of the Year.

Millard has maintained a weighted 4.5 GPA in the classroom. A member of Cardinal Newman's Student Honor Council, which reviews possible peer academic violations, he has volunteered locally as a peer mentor in addition to donating his time as a summer camp counselor and coach.

"Koty has one of the best change of direction start-stops I have seen in some time," said Clark Brisson, Millard's club coach with South Carolina United. "He is electric getting around players, and when playing on the defensive side he is very tough to beat."

Millard has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at the University of South Carolina 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.

Millard joins recent Gatorade South Carolina Boys Soccer Players of the Year Nestor Jaramillo (2011-12, Cardinal Newman High School), Robert Beebe (2010-11, Pinewood Preparatory School), Emmett Lunceford (2009-10, Irmo), and Enzo Martinez (2008-09, 2007-08 & 2006-07, Northwestern High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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