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MONTGOMERY BELL ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE TENNESSEE 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 Trey Gill of Montgomery Bell Academy as its 2012-13 Gatorade Tennessee Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Gill is the first Gatorade Tennessee Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Montgomery Bell Academy.

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 Gill as Tennessee'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, Gill 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-2, 195-pound senior defender, midfielder and forward has led The Big Red to a 12-0-1 record entering the Division II-AA state tournament, scheduled to begin May 17. Gill scored 10 goals and passed for nine assists through 13 games. A two-time Division II-AA All-State selection, he entered the state tournament with 36 goals and 22 assists in his prep soccer career.

Gill has maintained a 3.88 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as part of a fundraising campaign to benefit breast cancer research and as a youth soccer coach and referee.

"Trey has been a huge influence on the MBA team," said Sandy Pollock, head coach of Centennial High. "Playing up top with his back to goal has been his strength since he is able to hold the ball, get other players into the game and create goals. He has been a major reason for MBA's success this year."

Gill 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.

Gill joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Boys Soccer Players of the Year Tim Baker (2011-12, Knoxville Catholic High School), Chandler Gagnon (2010-11 & 2009-10, Evangelical Christian School), Mark Sherrod (2008-09, Carter High School), Stephen Morrissey (2007-08, Battle Ground Academy), and Tom Webster (2006-07, Bearden) among the state's list of former award winners.

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