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**THE DERRYFIELD SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 6, 2014) — In its 29th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Gabi Brummett of The Derryfield School as its 2013-14 Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Brummett is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from The Derryfield 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 Brummett as New Hampshire's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Brummett 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 freshman forward scored 66 goals and passed for 15 assists this past season, leading the Cougars (17-2) to the Division IV state semifinals. Brummett scored a goal in 18 of 19 games and had 14 multi-goal games, including five four-goal games, two five-goal games, two seven-goal games and a nine-goal game. A U.S. Soccer Under-14 Girls National Team pool player, she is ranked as the nation's No. 13 prospect in the Class of 2017 by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

Brummett has maintained a 3.94 GPA in the classroom. A member of her school's Key Club, she has volunteered locally with Samba International, which raises money for orphans in Malawi, and as a youth soccer coach.

"For a freshman, Gabi Brummett is a phenomenal striker," said Andrew Dawson, head coach of Newmarket High. "She's strong, fast and aggressive and can make a goal-scoring opportunity out of nothing. You have to assign additional resources to cover her, which opens up their other players."

Brummett will begin her sophomore year of high school 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.

Brummett joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Soccer Players of the Year Morgan Andrews (2012-13, 2011-12, & 2010-11, Milford High School), Kailey Blain (2009-10 & 2008-09, Merrimack), Kristy Zurmuhlen (2007-08, Fall Mountain Regional High School), and Lindsey Miller (2006-07, Bishop Guertin) among the state's list of former award winners.

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