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**FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE TENNESSEE GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 6, 2014) — In its 29<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Josie Jennings of Farragut High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Tennessee Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Jennings is the first Gatorade Tennessee Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Farragut 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 Jennings as Tennessee'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, Jennings 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 senior defender scored one goal, passed for two assists and anchored a defense that recorded 17 shutouts this past season, leading the Admirals (19-3-3) to the Class AAA state semifinals. A three-time First Team All-State selection, Jennings was a 2013 All-American honoree as named by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. She earned PrepXtra First Team recognition three times and was also the three-time District 4-AAA Defender of the Year.

Jennings has maintained a 3.92 GPA in the classroom. She founded the Farragut High Dance Club and has volunteered locally with Shiloh Riders, which provides Christmas gift bags to needy families. She's also donated her time to the US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer program serving young athletes with disabilities.

"Josie Jennings played in the back and cleaned up everything," said Eric Turner, head coach of Bearden High. "They made some mistakes, but she was always there to bail them out. She's just a solid hard-nosed player."

Jennings has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at the University of Tennessee 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.

Jennings joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Girls Soccer Players of the Year Summer Lanter (2012-13, Soddy Daisy High School), Olivia Harrison (2011-12, Houston High School), Kat Nigro (2010-11 & 2009-10, Livingston Academy), Susannah Dennis (2008-09 & 2007-08, Battle Ground Academy), and Kelly Dyer (2006-07, St. Agnes Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).