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## SALESIANUM SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE DELAWARE BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (February 13, 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 Dylan Huber of Salesianum School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Delaware Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Huber is the eighth Gatorade Delaware Boys Soccer Player of the Year.

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 Huber as Delaware'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, Huber 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-1, 170-pound senior midfielder led the Sallies to a 17-0-1 record and the Division I state championship this past season. Huber scored 16 goals and passed for 10 assists and scored the Sallies' lone goal in a 1-0 win that ended St. Benedict (N.J.) Prep's 71-game unbeaten streak. Huber was a Delaware Soccer Coaches Association First Team All-State selection and participated in December's High School All-American Game in Downington, Pa. He concluded his prep soccer career with 28 goals and 30 assists.

Huber has maintained a B average in the classroom and represents one of the state's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade award's broad criteria. He has volunteered locally at a food bank and homeless shelter and as a youth soccer coach.

"Dylan Huber showed me the ability to take over the match in a way that totally disorganized the structure and balance of the opponent's defense," said Gary Montalto, head coach of Cape Henlopen High. "He was technical, of course, but I loved his tactical vision of when to make himself dangerous off of the ball with so many good players around him."

Huber has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at Virginia Tech 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.

Huber joins recent Gatorade Delaware Boys Soccer Players of the Year Hunter Dann (2012-13, Salesianum School), Matt Hogsten (2011-12, Dover High School), Nick Dirienzo (2010-11, Charter School of Wilmington), Andrew O'Malley, (2009-10 & 2008-09, Salesianum School), Matt Margiotta (2007-08, Salesianum School), and Matt Marcin (2006-2007, Charter School of Wilmington) among the state's list of former award winners.

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