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**CARLE PLACE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE NEW YORK BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 13, 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 Dylan Klein of Carle Place High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade New York Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Klein is the first Gatorade New York Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Carle Place 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 Klein as New York'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, Klein 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-8, 130-pound senior forward scored 13 goals and passed for 18 assists this past season, leading the Frogs (18-0-1) to the Class B state championship. An All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Klein is a two-time All-State honoree and was also chosen as the Long Island Player of the Year.

Klein has maintained an A average in the classroom. A member of Students Against Destructive Decisions and the National Honor Society, he has volunteered locally on behalf of youth soccer teams.

"Klein is a very talented player," said Paul Cutter, head coach at Garden City High. "He's extremely fast, has great acceleration, very versatile and good with both feet. He has a great ability to create chances from a wide range of areas, and he was very dangerous every time he was on the ball."

Klein has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Hofstra University 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.

Klein joins recent Gatorade New York Boys Soccer Players of the Year Jeff Medina (2012-13, Brentwood High School), Dakota Edwards (2011-12, Sayville High School), Timothy Parker (2010-11, Hicksville High School), Alex Bramall, (2009-10, Newburgh Free Academy), Brian Rogers (2008-09, Bronxville), Will Ogden (2007-08, Byram Hills), and Wilber Bonilla (2006-2007, Brentwood) among the state's list of former award winners.

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