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GATORADE UTAH BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 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 Lucas Cawley of Viewmont High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Utah Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Cawley is the second Gatorade Utah Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Viewmont 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 Cawley as Utah'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, Cawley 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, 155-pound senior midfielder has led the Vikings to a 14-0-1 record and a berth in the Class 5A state playoffs, scheduled for May 13. Cawley has scored seven goals and passed for 20 assists entering the postseason. A four-time member of the U.S. Youth Soccer Region IV Olympic Development Program squad, Cawley was an All-State selection as a freshman.

Cawley has maintained a 3.63 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of his church community, he has volunteered locally on behalf of a senior citizens center and the U.S. Youth Soccer TOPSoccer program serving young athletes with disabilities.

"Cawley is a fantastic player with great skill and technical ability," said Souli Phongsavath, head coach at Davis High. "He's a pass-first player who doesn't try and do too much. He plays the game the right way."

Cawley has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Utah Valley 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.

Cawley joins recent Gatorade Utah Boys Soccer Players of the Year Matthew Coffey (2012-13, Brighton High School), Taylor Fankhauser (2011-12, Brighton High School), Derek Boggs (2010 - 11, Alta High School), Thomas Loomis (2009-10, Brighton), James Rogers (2008-09 Highland High School), Jake Hustedt (2007-08, Jordan), and Jake Cook (2006-2007, East) 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).

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