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SACHSE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE TEXAS GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (May 20, 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 Jordie Harr of Sachse High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Texas Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Harr is the first Gatorade Texas Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Sachse 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 Harr as Texas'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, Harr 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-1 sophomore midfielder scored 38 goals and passed for 23 assists this past season, leading the Mustangs (21-3) to the second round of the Class 5A, Region 2 tournament. A member of the U.S. Soccer Under-15 Girls National Team, Harr recorded seven hat tricks, including three four-goal games. She is ranked as the nation's No. 7 recruit in the Class of 2016 by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

Harr has maintained a 3.95 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally at Throwaway Ponies, a facility that cares for abandoned horses, in addition to donating her time at an assisted living facility and as a youth soccer referee.

"Jordie Harr was always a threat with the ball," said Jason Fegraeus, head coach of Rowlett High. "You didn't know whether or not she was going to shoot or pass, and she was great at both. She has speed, with and without the ball, and has a vision of the field a lot of others do not have."

Harr has verbally committed to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at Texas Tech University beginning in the fall of 2016

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.

Harr joins recent Gatorade Texas Girls Soccer Players of the Year Katie Martin (2012-13, Highland Park High School), Jana Jeffrey (2011-12, Ursuline Academy), Meghan Streight (2010 – 11, McKinney Boyd High School), Chioma Ubogagu (2009-10, Coppell), Alina Garciamendez-Rowold (2008-09, Ursuline Academy), Ashley Rape (2007-08, Greenhill School), and Melissa Henderson (2006-2007, Berkner) among the state's list of former award winners.

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