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MOUNT NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® OHIO VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (December 11, 2014) — In its 30th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Margo Wolf of Mount Notre Dame High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Ohio Volleyball Player of the Year. Wolf is the second Gatorade Ohio Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Mount Notre Dame 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 Wolf as Ohio's best high school volleyball player. Wolf joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including USA Volleyball players Kim Glass (2001-02, Horseshoe HS, Penn.), Kim Willoughby (1998-99, 1999-00, Assumption HS, La.) and Ogonna Nnamani (1999-00, University HS, Ill).

The 5-foot-8 senior libero led the Cougars to a 27-2 record and their second straight Division I state title this past season. A 2014-15 American Volleyball Coaches Association Honorable Mention Under Armour All-America selection, she recorded 480 digs, averaging 16.6 per match, along with 24 service aces this fall. Wolf is a two-time First Team All-State honoree and was named the 2014 Girls Greater Catholic League Player of the Year.

Wolf has maintained a 3.75 GPA in the classroom. A member of her school's Spanish Club, she has served as an elected member of her student government and has volunteered locally as a youth volleyball coach.

"Strong hitters receive much of the glory, but Margo Wolf basically passed the entire court and made it nearly impossible to score on anything except a major kill," said Ernie House, head coach at Milford High. "Besides her defense, she was a stabling force in serve-receive which allowed others to do their job more efficiently. In my opinion, she made everyone better on that team and they are a two-time Ohio state championship team with Margo Wolf leading the way."

Wolf has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at the University of Dayton in the fall of 2015

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.

Wolf joins recent Gatorade Ohio Volleyball Players of the Year Abby Detering (2013-14, Lake Catholic High School), Michelle Strizak (2012-13, Mount Notre Dame High School), Megan Courtney (2011-12, Archbishop Alter High School), Deme Morales (2010-11, Steele High School), Dani Reinert (2009-10, Ursuline Academy), Lauren Whyte (2008-09, Olmsted Falls) and Missy Harpenau (2007-08, Mother of Mercy) among the state's list of former award winners.

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