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## THE DERRYFIELD SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (February 5, 2015) — In its 30<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 Gabi Brummett of The Derryfield School as its 2014-15 Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Brummett is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Girls 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 Brummett as New Hampshire'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, Brummett 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 returning Gatorade State Player of the Year, the 5-foot-7 sophomore forward led the Cougars to a 17-3 record and the Division IV state championship this past season. Brummett scored 70 goals and passed for seven assists, including four goals and an assist in Derryfield's 5-1 win over Woodsville in the state title game. In four postseason games, Brummett tallied 14 goals and two assists. Ranked as the No. 19 recruit in the Class of 2017 by TopDrawerSoccer.com, she concluded her sophomore year with 136 goals in her prep soccer career.

Brummett has maintained an A average in the classroom. A member of The Derryfield School Key Club, she has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach and with Samba International, which raises money for orphans in Malawi.

"Gabi Brummett is a very dangerous player who is tough on the ball, has amazing finishing skills, left or right footed, and is very tough to knock off the ball," said Jeff Husmann, head coach of Moultonborough High. "She had several hat tricks even when she was targeted as a threat with two or three defenders on her." Brummett will begin her junior year of high school 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.

Two-time winner Brummett joins Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Soccer Players of the Year Morgan Andrews (2012-13, 2011-12 & 2010-11, Milford High School), Kailey Blain, (2009-10 & 2008-09, Merrimack), Kristy Zurmuhlen (2007-08, Fall Mountain Regional High School), and Lindsey Miller (2006-07, Bishop Guertin) among the state's list of former award winners.

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