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**BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE VERMONT 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 Madison Feeney of Burlington High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Vermont Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Feeney is the first Gatorade Vermont Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Burlington 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 Feeney as Vermont'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, Feeney 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-6 senior midfielder scored 20 goals and passed for 10 assists this past season, leading the Seahorses (14-4) to the Division 1 state final. An All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Feeney is a two-time First Team All-State honoree and was named Metro Conference Offensive Player of the Year.

Feeney has maintained a 4.03 GPA in the classroom. The editor of her school's yearbook, she has volunteered locally as a peer tutor.

"No matter where she was placed, Feeney had an impact on the game," said Bill O'Neil, head coach at Essex High. "She controlled the midfield and was unselfish creating opportunities for her teammates."

Feeney will attend Williams College this fall, where she will play soccer.

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.

Feeney joins recent Gatorade Vermont Girls Soccer Players of the Year Katie Stames (2013-14 & 2012-13, Peoples Academy), Lauren Bernard, (2011-12 & 2010-11, Colchester High School), Brittany Pfaff, (2009-10, Rice Memorial), Natalie LeClair (2008-09 & 2007-08, Essex High School), and Emily Milbank (2006-07, Champlain Valley Union) 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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