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## **WINFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE WEST VIRGINIA 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 Jayne Lawman of Winfield High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade West Virginia Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Lawman is the third Gatorade West Virginia Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Winfield 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 Lawman as West Virginia'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, Lawman 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-9 senior forward led the Generals to a 22-0-3 record and a third straight Class AAA state championship this past season. Lawman scored 27 goals and passed for 15 assists, including two goals in the state semifinals and an assist on the game-winning score in a 2-1 victory over Washington High in the state final. The 2014 West Virginia High School Soccer Coaches Association Class AAA Forward of the Year, Lawman was also the 2013 WVHSSCA Class AAA Player of the Year. She concluded her prep soccer career with 101 goals.

Lawman, who graduated early from high school this past December, compiled a 3.73 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally at a homeless shelter and as a youth soccer coach.

"I needed to have a game plan for Jayne specifically every year," said Kristen Schreiber, head coach of Parkersburg High. "We needed to know where she was at all time. One year I even had one of my players shadow her and Jayne still managed to score a goal. She's a great talent."

Lawman signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at Marshall University, where she has already enrolled and started classes.

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.

Two-time winner Lawman joins Gatorade West Virginia Girls Soccer Players of the Year Michelle Newhouse (2012-13, Capital High School), Haleigh Hoff (2011-12, Winfield High School), Sami Molina (2010-11, Cabell Midland High School), Whitney Cavender (2009-10, University), Sarah Cogswell (2008-09, Jefferson High School), Megan Johnson (2007-08, George Washington High School), and Kim Abcouwer (2006-07, Charleston Catholic) 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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