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## DIMOND HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE ALASKA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (May 11, 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 Jack Sedor of Dimond High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Alaska Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Sedor is the fourth Gatorade Alaska Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Dimond 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 Sedor as Alaska's best high school boys soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Sedor 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-9, 180-pound senior forward and midfielder had led the Lynx to an 8-0-2 record at the time of his selection. The state's returning Gatorade Boys Soccer Player of the Year, Sedor scored eight goals and passed for 18 assists through 10 games. He is a three-time

First Team All-Cook Inlet Conference selection.

Sedor has maintained a 3.60 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of his church community, he has volunteered locally on behalf of a food bank, Habitat for Humanity and his school's Buckle Up America seatbelt campaign.

"Sedor is an impact player whenever he's on the field," said Matt Froehle, head coach at Bartlett High. "He's got great technical skills and tactical awareness. He finds a lot of different ways to contribute."

Sedor has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Marshall University this fall.

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 Sedor joins Gatorade Alaska Boys Soccer Players of the Year Jackson Lehnhart (2012-13, Juneau-Douglas High School), Michael Sedor (2011-12, Dimond High School), Kirby Hutto (2010-11, South Anchorage High School), Jon Hall (2009-10, South Anchorage High School), Blaine Carver (2008-09 Soldotna High School), Colin Flynn (2007-08, Juneau-Douglas High School), and Spencer Augustin (2006-07, South High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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