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ST. PAUL'S SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE LOUISANA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (May 11, 2015) — 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 Colin Hanley of St. Paul's School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Louisana Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Hanley is the third Gatorade Louisana Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Paul's 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 Hanley as Louisana'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, Hanley 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 6-foot, 175-pound senior goalkeeper recorded 21 shutouts this past season, leading the Wolves (31-0-3) to the Division 1 state championship. Hanley posted a 0.3 goals-against average and surrendered none in St. Paul's five postseason games. A First Team All-State selection, he was also named the Defensive MVP of Division 1.

Hanley has maintained a 4.16 GPA in the classroom. A member of the Mu Alpha Theta mathematics honor society, he has volunteered on behalf of youth soccer programs.

"When he had to come up with big saves, he did it, time and time again," said Hubie Collins, head coach at Jesuit High. "He looks like a professional goalkeeper."

Hanley has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Niagara University in New York State 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.

Hanley joins recent Gatorade Louisana Boys Soccer Players of the Year Andrew Malinich (2013-14, Lusher Charter School), Ethan Judice (2012-13, Lafayette High School), Phillip Hicks (2011-12, Jesuit High School), Adrian McInnis (2010-11, Saint Paul's School), Steven Cabos (2009-10, Jesuit High School), Patrick Mullins (2008-09, Jesuit High School), Nick Flowers (2007-08, Caddo Parish Magnet), and Andrew Mullins (2006-07, Jesuit High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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