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Sentinel High School STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE Montana GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (February 4, 2016) — In its 31st year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced **Brittany Delridge of Sentinel High School** as its **2015-16 Gatorade Montana Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Delridge is the first Gatorade Montana Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Sentinel 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 Delridge as Montana’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, Delridge 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-7 junior midfielder scored 13 goals and passed for 10 assists this past season, leading the Spartans (10-3-2) to the Class AA state championship game. The 2015 Western Conference AA Player of the Year, Delridge is a two-time First Team All-State selection and was the 2015 National Soccer Coaches Association of America State Player of the Year. She concluded her junior year with 24 goals and 18 assists in her prep soccer career.

Delridge has maintained a 3.96 GPA in the classroom. The president of the junior class at Sentinel High, she has volunteered locally as part of community-beautification projects and as a youth soccer coach. She has also donated her time to the Missoula Watson’s Children Center and multiple community-service initiatives through her church.

“Brittany Delridge was basically the quarterback for her team,” said Megan Parish, head coach of Billings Senior High. “She controlled the midfield and is an amazing distributor. She also is a great finisher with both her feet and her head. Brittany is strong in the air which is pretty rare with girls in Montana.”

Delridge has made a verbal commitment to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at Eastern Washington University beginning in the fall of 2017.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](http://www.gatorade.com/poy/overview.aspx) 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](http://www.usatodayhss.com/customize), 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.

Delridge joins recent Gatorade Montana Girls Soccer Players of the Year Averie Collins (2014-15, Bozeman High School), Maddy Emerick (2013-14, Billings Senior High School), Rachel Koehler (2012-13, Billings Senior High School), Savannah Witt (2011-12, Billings West High School), Jackie Elliott (2010–11, Billings Central Catholic High School), Tess Hagenlock (2009-10, Bozeman High School), Lauren Hickok (2008–09, Bozeman High School), Meghan O'Connell (2007-08, Flathead High School), and Kirsten Tilleman (2006-07, Bozeman High School) among the state’s list of former award winners.

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