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**BROOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE COLORADO BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 11, 2016) — In its 31th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Porter Milner of Broomfield High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Colorado Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Milner is the second Gatorade Colorado Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Broomfield 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 Milner as Colorado'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, Milner 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-8, 145-pound senior midfielder led the Eagles to an 18-2 record and the Class 5A state championship this past season. Milner scored 12 goals and passed for 16 assists, including one goal and eight assists in five postseason matches. The Colorado High School Soccer Coaches Association's Class 5A Player of the Year, he was a three-time First Team All-State selection and concluded his prep soccer career with 28 goals and 35 assists.

Milner has maintained a weighted 3.87 GPA in the classroom. A freestyle skier, he serves as the Broomfield High Student Council president. He has volunteered locally as a mentor to a fourth-grader in addition to helping to collect more than 10,000 pounds of food for the needy. He has also donated his time to area beautification projects.

"Porter Milner is soooo much more than a stat guy," said Shannon Clarke, head coach of Fossil Ridge High. "His ability to consistently do the dirty work from box to box and his leadership on that squad — we had no solution for him."

Milner has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at Regis University beginning 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.

Milner joins recent Gatorade Colorado Boys Soccer Players of the Year Quinn Liebmann (2014-15, Boulder High School), David Meyer (2013-14, Pine Creek High School), Miguel Jaime (2012-13, Cherry Creek High School), Shane O'Neill (2011-12, Fairview High School), Tidiane Dia (2010-11, Mountain Vista High School), Cole Chapleski, (2009-10, Broomfield High School), Alex Tarnoczi (2008-09, Rock Canyon High School), Morgan Sacco (2007-08, Greeley Central High School), and Miguel Rosales (2006-07, Smoky Hill High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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