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## CARMEL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE INDIANA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (February 11, 2016) — In its 31<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 Andreas Roslender of Carmel High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Indiana Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Roslender is the third Gatorade Indiana Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Carmel 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 Roslender as Indiana'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, Roslender 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-10, 160-pound senior midfielder scored seven goals and passed for 13 assists this past season, leading the Greyhounds (17-3-1) to the Class 2A state semifinals. The Indiana Soccer Coaches Association's State Player of the Year, Roslender was an All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America. He did not play high school soccer as a sophomore or junior, opting instead to play with his club team.

Roslender has maintained a weighted 4.08 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally at the International Talent Academy, a performance arts school, and on behalf of the Carmel Klavier International Piano Competition. He also has donated his time as a peer tutor and as part of multiple community-service initiatives through the Carmel High National Honor Society.

"The ball always seemed to find Andreas when it needed to," said Robert Lewis, head coach of Ben Davis High. "It makes any team tougher when those touches are always dangerous."

Roslender remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Roslender joins recent Gatorade Indiana Boys Soccer Players of the Year Jordan Kleyn (2014-15, Avon High School), Michael Riedford (2013-14, Reitz Memorial High School), Mike Galullo (2012-13, North Central High School), Femi Hollinger-Janzen (2011-12, Bethany Christian High School), Eriq Zavaleta (2010-11, Westfield High School), A.J. Corrado, (2009-10, Zionsville Community High School), Harrison Petts (2008-09, Zionsville Community High School), Mitch Day (2007-08, Memorial High School), and Robby Lynch (2006-07, Carmel High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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