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**CARSON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA 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 Peter Garrett of Carson High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Garrett is the second Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Carson 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 Garrett as Nevada'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, Garrett 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-11, 150-pound junior defender led the Senators to a 17-3-1 record and the Division I state championship this past season. Garrett scored five goals and passed for two assists, leading a defense that notched eight shutouts. He was a First Team All-State selection by Nevadapreps.com.

Garrett has maintained a 3.54 GPA in the classroom and represents one of the state's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade award's broad criteria. He has volunteered locally as a lifeguard at the Carson City Aquatics Center and as a youth soccer and swim coach.

"Peter Garrett was one of the main keys to Carson's success on the defensive end this year," said Joel Martinez, head coach of Reed High. "His presence was always felt and he conducted his defense in an excellent manner."

Garrett will begin his senior year of high school 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.

Garrett joins recent Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Players of the Year Jackson Dietrich (2014-15, Foothill High School), Danny Musovski (2013-14 & 2012-13, Liberty High School), Ruben Duran (2011-12, Eldorado High School), Matt Polster (2010-11, Palo Verde High School), Joaquin Rivas, (2009-10, Las Vegas High School), Kevin Rogge (2008-09, Centennial High School), Steven Avena (2007-08, Bishop Gorman High School), and Zac Zaher (2006-07, Bishop Gorman High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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