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HANOVER HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Asa Berolzheimer of Hanover High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Berolzheimer is the fifth Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Hanover 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 Berolzheimer as New Hampshire'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, Berolzheimer joins an elite alumni association of past state awardwinners 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, 140-pound senior midfielder scored 19 goals and passed for 19 assists this past season, leading the Marauders to the Division 1 semifinals. An All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Berolzheimer is a two-time First Team All-State honoree.

Berolzheimer has maintained a 3.52 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of a homeless shelter, a food pantry, youth soccer programs and suicide prevention initiatives.

"Berolzheimer can do everything on the soccer field," said Dan Curran, head coach at Spaulding High. "He's a very skilled, very smart player with great vision. He does things that are difficult with ease."

Berolzheimer will attend Colby College this fall, where he will play soccer.

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.

Berolzheimer joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Soccer Players of the Year Kyle Hicks (2014-15, Pinkerton Academy), Daniel Hazlett (2013-14, Hanover High School), Erik Martel (2012-13, Bedford High School), Brian Hart (2011-12, Phillips Exeter Academy), Eric Jayne (2010-11, Hanover High School), Josh Vlasich, (2009-10, Exeter High School), Kenny Kolbeck (2008-09, Pinkerton Academy), Brad Hilton (2007-08, Merrimack High School), and Robbie McLarney (2006-07, Londonderry High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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