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**BISMARCK HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA 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 Bryce Nybo of Bismarck High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade North Dakota Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Nybo is the fourth Gatorade North Dakota Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Bismarck 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 Nybo as North Dakota'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, Nybo 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, 150-pound senior defender scored five goals and passed for three assists this past season, leading the Demons (14-5-1) to the state championship. Nybo was named the Western Dakota Association Outstanding Senior Athlete. A First Team All-State honoree, he was also selected to the All-State Tournament team.

Nybo has maintained a 3.44 GPA in the classroom. Also a hockey standout, he has volunteered locally on behalf of youth sports programs.

"Nybo is a complete soccer player," said Tom Marcis, head coach at Legacy High. "He's got speed and quickness, and his soccer IQ is very high."

Nybo will attend the University of Jamestown 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.

Nybo joins recent Gatorade North Dakota Boys Soccer Players of the Year Jacob Richter (2014-15, Century High School), Brad Kelly (2013-14, Century High School), Jacob Weiler (2012-13 & 2011-12, Fargo South High School), Braden Schmid (2010-11, West Fargo High School), Mike Frenzel, (2009-10, Century High School), Matt Glogoza (2008-09, Shanley High School), Alex Paulson (2007-08, Century High School), and Isak Tengesdal (2006-07, Minot High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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