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**DAVIES HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 17, 2016) — In its 31<sup>st</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Jenny Marsh of Davies High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade North Dakota Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Marsh is the second Gatorade North Dakota Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Davies 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 Marsh as North Dakota's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Marsh 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-4 senior forward had led the Eagles to a 10-0-1 record at the time of her selection. The state's returning Gatorade Girls Soccer Player of the Year, Marsh scored 17 goals and passed for six assists through 11 games. A First Team All-State selection, she holds the state single-season record for goals.

Marsh has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. Also a talented musician and a state championship golfer, she has volunteered on behalf of local food banks.

"Jenny Marsh is a dynamic player," said Dave Weiler, head coach at Fargo South High. "She's a great finisher and she's a threat anywhere on the field."

Marsh will attend Duke University this fall, where she 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.

Two-time winner Marsh joins Gatorade North Dakota Girls Soccer Players of the Year Anna Reinholz (2013-14, Shanley High School), Emily Wendorff (2012-13 & 2011-12, Davies High School), Tessa Neameyer (2010-11, Century High School), Jenae Dabill (2009-10, Jamestown High School), Hannah Langseth (2008-09, Shanley High School) and Rachael Loomis (2007-08 & 2006-07, Fargo South High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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