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**HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 19, 2017) — In its 32nd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Eve Hewins of Hingham High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Hewins is the first Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Hingham 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 Hewins as Massachusetts' 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 June, Hewins joins an elite alumni association of past state soccer award-winners, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel HS, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick HS, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-04, Blue Valley West HS, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire HS, Mass.), Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista HS, Colo.).

The 5-foot-7 senior forward led the Harborwomen to a 21-0-1 record and a third straight Eastern Mass. Division 2 championship this past season. Hewins scored 38 goals and passed for 18 assists and scored the game-winner in Hingham's 2-1 win over Arlington High in the Eastern Mass. title game, marking the second time in three years she has scored the title-clinching goal. The Boston Globe Division 2 Player of the Year, Hewins is a three-time Patriot League All-Star and was the 2016 Patriot League Player of the Year. She concluded her prep soccer career with 95 goals and 55 assists.

A four-year member of the Hingham High student council, Hewins has volunteered locally with a veterans group and as a youth soccer coach. "Eve has been the key to Hingham's success, no doubt," said David Floeck, head coach of Whitman-Hanson Regional High School. "She is fast, skilled, relentless and a great finisher. I think what has been most impressive is how good she has made those around her."

Hewins has maintained a weighted 4.26 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to attend Princeton University, where she will play soccer, beginning 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 Player of the Year Selection Committee, 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.

Hewins joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Soccer Players of the Year Brooke Heinsohn (2015-16, The Rivers School), Gaby Carreiro (2014-15, Nipmuc Regional High School), Eve Goulet (2013-14, Sutton High School), Kristi Kirshe (2012-13, Franklin High School), Hayley Dowd (2011-12, Peabody High School), Sam Mewis (2010-11 & 2009-10, Whitman-Hanson Regional High School), Danielle Dakin (2008-09, Minnechaug Regional High School), Hayley Brock (2007-08, Acton-Boxborough Regional High School), and Amy Caldwell (2006-07, Braintree High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Eve will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

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