

**MARION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW YORK GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 17, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Chloe DeLyser of Marion High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade New York Girls Soccer Player of the Year. DeLyser is the first Gatorade New York Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Marion 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 DeLyser as New York'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 June, DeLyser joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook High School, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel High School, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School of Young Women, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick High School, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-05, Blue Valley West High School, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire High School, Mass.) and Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.).

The 5-foot-4 senior forward amassed 76 goals and passed for 30 assists this past season, leading the Black Knights (20-2) to the Class C semifinals. The state's returning Gatorade Girls Soccer Player of the Year, DeLyser scored a state-record 336 goals in six varsity seasons, a total that is believed to be the most in U.S. prep history (records kept only for four-year varsity careers). A three-time First Team All-State honoree, she was the Class C co-Player of the Year, the Greater Rochester Player of the Year and a United Soccer Coaches All-American.

DeLyser has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and youth soccer programs. "Chloe DeLyser is hands down the best female soccer player I've seen at the high school level in my 20 years as a coach," said Jason Dentel, head coach at Newark High. "Her soccer IQ and technical ability make her a dominant force on the field."

DeLyser has maintained a B-plus average in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at The Ohio State University.

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.

Two-time winner DeLyser joins recent Gatorade New York Girls Soccer Players of the Year Molly Feighan (2017-18, Arlington High School), Madisyn Pezzino (2016-17, Grand Island Senior High School), Hope Breslin (2015-16, Massapequa High School), Keri Cavallo (2014-15, South Side High School), and Kayla Cappuzzo (2013-14, Calhoun High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.