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**BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® WISCONSIN VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 12, 2012) — In its 28th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Kaysie Shebeneck of Burlington High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Player of the Year. Shebeneck is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Burlington 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 Shebeneck as Wisconsin's best high school volleyball player. Shebeneck joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including USA Volleyball players Kim Glass (2001-02, Horseshoe HS, Penn.), Kim Willoughby (1998-99, 1999-00, Assumption HS, La.) and Ogonna Nnamani (1999-00, University HS, Ill).

The 6-foot-1 senior setter led the Demons to a 44-2 record and the Division I state title this past season. Shebeneck recorded 912 assists, 176 digs, 82 kills, 74 blocks and 41 service aces while posting a kill percentage of .506. Also the 2011-12 Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Player of the Year and a two-time First Team All-State selection, she distributed 34 assists in the state title-clinching win over Divine Savior Holy Angels High.

Shebeneck has maintained a 4.01 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of the Make-A-Wish Foundation in addition to donating her time as a peer tutor and youth volleyball coach.

"Kaysie Shebeneck is an extremely talented volleyball player," said Jean Jacobs, head coach at Delavan-Darien High. "She is versatile, hard-working and a talented leader."

Shebeneck has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on an athletic scholarship at Texas A&M University beginning in the fall of 2013.

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.

Shebeneck joins Gatorade Wisconsin Volleyball Players of the Year Crystal Graff (2010-11 & 2009-10, La Follette High School), Carol Henney (2008-09, La Follette) and Janelle Gabrielsen (2007-08, Menomonee Falls) among the state's list of former award winners.

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