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## LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE NEVADA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (February 19, 2013) — In its 28<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Danny Musovski of Liberty High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Musovski is the first Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Liberty 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 Musovski as Nevada'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, Musovski 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-11, 150-pound junior forward scored 43 goals and passed for nine assists this past season, leading the Patriots (11-6-1) to the Division I, Sunrise Region quarterfinals. The 2012 Las Vegas Review Journal Division I Boys Soccer Player of the Year, Musovski led the state in scoring in 2012. He concluded his junior year with 81 goals and 21 assists in his prep soccer career.

Musovski has maintained a weighted 3.78 GPA in the classroom. A member of the Liberty High student council, he has volunteered locally at a homeless shelter in addition to coaching and officiating youth soccer.

"Danny Musovski was a one-man scoring machine this year," said Andrew Risheg, head coach of Foothill High. "We marked him with two players and he still put three goals in against us. His ability to turn and shoot on a dime was some of the best I have seen in years."

Musovski will begin his senior year of high school this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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 <u>USA TODAY High School Sports</u>, 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.

Musovski joins recent Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Players of the Year Ruben Duran (2011–12, Eldorado High School), Matt Polster (2010–11, Palo Verde High School), Joaquin Rivas, (2009–10, Las Vegas High School), Kevin Rogge (2008–09 Centennial), Steven Avena (2007–08, Bishop Gorman), and Zac Zaher (2006–2007, Bishop Gorman College Preparatory School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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