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**WILMINGTON AREA HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE PENNSYLVANIA BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 20, 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 Jon Yohman of Wilmington Area High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Yohman is the first Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Wilmington Area 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 track, distinguishes Yohman as Pennsylvania's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Yohman joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ryan Hall (1999-01, Big Bear HS, Calif.), Meb Keflezighi (1993-94, San Diego HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.) and Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt HS, Ia.).

The 6-foot-2, 270-pound senior captured the Class AA state championship in the shot put this spring with a throw of 61 feet, 8.5 inches. Yohman also took second in the discus with a throw of 180-10, leading the Greyhounds to a fifth-place finish as a team. His season-best effort of 62-1 in the shot put ranked as the nation's No. 16 performance among prep competitors in 2013 at the time of his selection.

Yohman has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of youth sports programs and his church's Sunday school program.

"Wilmington has been blessed with some outstanding throwers in the past, including state champions, but Jon is the best shot put and discus thrower ever to graduate from the school," said Wilmington head coach J.R. McFarland. "This year he showed outstanding leadership skills too."

Yohman has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on an athletic scholarship at Penn State University 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 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.

Yohman joins recent Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Billy Stanley (2011-12, South Park High School), Eric Futch (2010-11, Penn Wood High School), Tom Mallon (2009-10, Central Bucks South), Justin Shirk (2008-09 & 2007-08, Central Dauphin), and Paul Springer (2006-2007, Unionville) among the state's list of former award winners.

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