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**ROCKY MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE IDAHO BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 13, 2014) — In its 29th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Tyson Fox of Rocky Mountain High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Idaho Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Fox is the first Gatorade Idaho Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Rocky Mountain 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 Fox as Idaho'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, Fox 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-9, 142-pound senior forward and midfielder scored 25 goals and passed for 10 assists this past season, leading the Grizzlies to a 9-10-1 record. The 2013 Idaho Soccer Coaches Association Player of the Year, Fox is a member of the U.S. Youth Soccer Region IV Olympic Development Program team and a three-time First Team Class 5A All-Southern Idaho Conference selection. He concluded his prep soccer career with 65 goals and 25 assists.

Fox has maintained a 3.85 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a certified nursing assistant, a pharmacist technician and as a youth soccer coach.

"Tyson Fox had a fantastic year even with a very incomplete supporting cast," said Jayson Transtrum, head coach of Borah High. "In our senior All-Star game this year against the best seniors in the valley, he scored three goals and was the best player on the field."

Fox remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Fox joins recent Gatorade Idaho Boys Soccer Players of the Year Timmy Mueller (2012-13, Post Falls High School), Bryson Pavel (2011-12, Boise High School), Michael Soderlund (2010-11, Timberline High School), Justin Hill, (2009-10 & 2008-09, Boise High School), Nick Sykes (2007-08, Mountain View), and Mike McLeod (2006-2007, Boise) among the state's list of former award winners.

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