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**MARQUETTE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE MISSOURI 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 Keith Grieshaber of Marquette High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Missouri Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Grieshaber is the first Gatorade Missouri Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Marquette 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 Grieshaber as Missouri'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, Grieshaber 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 6-foot-2, 184-pound senior forward scored 40 goals and passed for 11 assists this past season, leading the Mustangs (19-4-1) to the Class 3, District 7 championship game. An All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Grieshaber was the Missouri Soccer Coaches Association's Class 3 Player of the Year. A participant in December's High School All-American Game in Downingtown, Pa., he concluded his prep soccer career with 114 goals and 26 assists.

Grieshaber has maintained a 3.13 GPA in the classroom. A standout middle infielder on the Marquette baseball team and a member of the Marquette High Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter, he is a devoted member of his church community.

"Keith is the kind of player a coach could build a team around," said Dave Robben, head coach of Oakville High. "He is a natural goal-scorer. He is also the complete player individually and a total team player as well."

Grieshaber has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on an athletic scholarship at the University of Arkansas 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.

Grieshaber joins recent Gatorade Missouri Boys Soccer Players of the Year Tommy Barlow (2012-13, Chaminade College Preparatory School), Derek Schrick (2011-12, Rockhurst High School), Alec Cochran (2010-11, Christian Brothers College High School), Adnan Gabeljic, (2009-10, Mehlville High School), Alex Sweetin (2008-09 Rockhurst), Will Bruin (2007-08, De Smet Jesuit), and Mike Roach (2006-2007, Chaminade College Preparatory School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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