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**T.C. ROBERSON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE NORTH CAROLINA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 13, 2014) — In its 29<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 Austin Stamey of T.C. Roberson High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade North Carolina Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Stamey is the first Gatorade North Carolina Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from T.C. Roberson 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 Stamey as North Carolina'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, Stamey 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-10, 162-pound senior forward led the Rams to a 27-0-2 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Stamey scored 34 goals and passed for nine assists, including the assist on the game-winner in the state title match. The 2013 North Carolina Soccer Coaches Association State Player of the Year, Stamey was an All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America and a two-time Citizen-Times All Western North Carolina Player of the Year. He concluded his prep soccer career with 90 goals and 40 assists.

Stamey has maintained a weighted 4.22 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach and as part of multiple community-service initiatives in association with his church youth group. He has also completed service mission trip to Guatemala.

"I got to watch some of the best players in the state and I will tell you Austin Stamey is the best player I watched," said Todd Worley, head coach of Sanderson High. "He is athletic, very technical and very tactical. He has speed and power. I used two and three people to try to control him and we had no answers for him."

Stamey has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on an athletic scholarship at Appalachian 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.

Stamey joins recent Gatorade North Carolina Boys Soccer Players of the Year Ade Taiwo (2012-13, Cardinal Gibbons High School), Jonathan Campbell (2011-12, Greensboro Day School), Cooper Vandermaas-Peeler (2010-11, Athens Drive High School), Teddy Mullin, (2009-10, Jordan High School), Ben Newnam (2008-09, East Forsyth), Watt Williams (2007-08, Broughton), and Clint Irwin (2006-2007, Charlotte Christian School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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