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**NEENAH HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE WISCONSIN 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 Adam Pohlman of Neenah High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Pohlman is the third Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Neenah 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 Pohlman as Wisconsin'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, Pohlman 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, 175-pound senior midfielder scored 37 goals and passed for 26 assists this past season, leading the Rockets (18-3-1) to the sectional semifinals. An All-American selection by the National Soccer Coaches Association of America, Pohlman is a two-time First Team All-State honoree and was named Player of the Year by the Wisconsin Soccer Coaches Association.

Pohlman has maintained a 3.40 GPA in the classroom. Also a basketball standout and a devoted member of his church community, Pohlman is co-founder of the Kind Project at Neenah High, which encourages acts of kindness in the school and local community.

"Pohlman is a great talent, but what sets him apart is his attitude and his work ethic," said Tim Stuebs, head coach at Appleton West High. "He makes all the players around him better."

Pohlman 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.

Pohlman joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Soccer Players of the Year Andrija Novakovich (2012-13, Muskego High School), Patrick Hodan (2011-12, Marquette University High School), Alex Megna (2010-11, Marquette University High School), David Caban, (2009-10, Tremper High School), Robbie Boyd (2008-09, Marquette University), Stuart Grable (2007-08, Neenah), and Eric Meyer (2006-2007, James Madison Memorial) among the state's list of former award winners.

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