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## BROOKFIELD EAST HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE WISCONSIN BOYS TRACK & FIELD ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 20, 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 Glen Harold of Brookfield East High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Harold is the second Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Brookfield East 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 Harold as Wisconsin'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, Harold 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-1, 165-pound senior pole vaulter won an individual state title and set a state record in the event this spring, leading the Spartans to a 10th-place finish as a team at the Division 1 state meet. A 2014 First Team All-State honoree, Harold's record-setting vault of 16 feet, one inch at the state meet ranked as the nation's No. 27 performance among prep competitors in 2014 at the time of his selection. He completed an undefeated season in the pole vault and produced clearances above 16 feet at three different meets.

Harold has maintained a 3.75 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of Habitat for Humanity, the Special Olympics, Future Readers and the Brookfield Parks, Recreation and Forestry Department.

"Glen Harold is a passionate, hardworking and dedicated athlete," said Brookfield East head coach Mike Steiner. "He is an excellent teammate and a positive role model for his peers. He has been an important contributor to our team's success for the past three seasons and he will be remembered as one of the greatest vaulters in Wisconsin prep history."

Harold has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on an athletic scholarship at the University of Minnesota this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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 <u>USA TODAY High School</u> <u>Sports</u>, 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.

Harold joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Carl Hirsch (2012-13 & 2011-12, Brookfield Central High School), Ben Schreib (2010 – 11, Martin Luther High School), Gabe Genovesi (2009-10, Homestead), Matt Widule (2008-09, Menomonee Falls), Paul Annear (2007-08 & 2006-07, Richland Center) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit <u>www.gatorade.com/poy</u>.