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**MN CHAPTER OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES  
2015 BOB STEIN SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD WINNER**

*Tom Obarski, Concordia University*

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN - April 12, 2015** - The Minnesota Chapter of the National Football Foundation is excited to announce the 2015 Bob Stein Scholar Athlete award winner, Tom Obarski of Concordia University, to be recognized at the 8<sup>th</sup> annual Minnesota Football Honors on May 3, 2015 at the Hilton Minneapolis.

Throughout his time at Concordia, Obarski has succeeded on the field and in the classroom. He concluded a record-setting career as the Golden Bears' kicker and punter this fall, and was named to the Capital One Academic All-America First Team.

The Bob Stein Scholar Athlete Award is the latest in a series of honors Obarski has garnered as a senior. In December, he received the Fred Mitchell Award presented to the nation's top non-FBS place-kicker for excellence on the field and in the community. Obarski made the AFCA, Daktronics, D2Football.com and BSN All-America First Teams as either a kicker or punter. The All-NSIC kicker (first team) and punter (second team) played in the 2015 Reese's Senior Bowl.

Obarski's 44 career made field goals and 230 punts for 8,730 yards are the most in school history. His 250 points are the most by a Concordia kicker. In 2014, Obarski made 18 field goals, another school record, and was perfect on extra-point attempts. He had 22 touchbacks on kickoffs, and punted 64 times.

A Dean's List student, Obarski is a finance major and marketing minor. He was tabbed as a "Top-4" student-athlete at Concordia for athletic, academic, campus and community excellence. A few of Obarski's contributions to the community include middle school drug education mentoring, fundraising for tsunami relief and volunteer and leadership roles through church.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnesota Football Honors, presented by the Minnesota Vikings, will take place Sunday, May 3, 2015 at Hilton Minneapolis. College and professional football Hall of Fame inductees are scheduled to attend the event, and WCCO-TV news personality Frank Vascellaro will return for his eighth year as Master of Ceremonies. The event is open to the public. To register or for additional information about this year's Minnesota Football Honors, please visit [www.minnesotafootballhonors.com](http://www.minnesotafootballhonors.com). For sponsorship information, please email [lindsay@nffmn.org](mailto:lindsay@nffmn.org).

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