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**BOZEMAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MONTANA FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 2, 2010) — In its third decade of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Tanner Roderick of Bozeman High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Montana Football Player of the Year. Roderick is the second Gatorade Montana Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Bozeman 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 Roderick as Montana's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Roderick joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.), Wes Welker (1999-00, Heritage Hall HS, Okla.), Terrell Suggs (1999-00, Hamilton HS, Ariz.), Anquan Boldin (1998-99, Pahokee HS, Fla.) and Jerome Bettis (1989-90, Mackenzie HS, Mich.).

The 6-foot-2, 185-pound senior quarterback led the Hawks to a 13-0 season and the Class AA state championship this past season, their first title since 1917. Roderick led Class AA in rushing with 1,913 yards and 23 touchdowns on 238 carries, and also topped Class AA in passing efficiency, completing 140 of 229 passes for 2,457 yards and 28 touchdowns, against just five interceptions. He was a First Team All-Conference and Second Team All-State selection in both 2008 and 2009.

Roderick has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally with youth basketball and football programs.

"Roderick is really quick, really tough and he's got great acceleration," said Paul Klaboe, head coach of rival Billings West. "He's got a great arm and he's rushed for almost as many yards as he's thrown; he's such an impact guy."

Roderick 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 ESPN RISE and the Gatorade high school sports leadership team, 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.

Roderick joins recent Gatorade Montana Football Players of the Year Matt Miller (2009-10, Capital), Brock Osweiler (2008-09, Flathead) and Casey McMillan (2007-08, Central Catholic) among the state's list of former award winners.

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