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**YERINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEVADA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 14, 2011) — In its 27th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Makenna Lommori of Yerington High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Player of the Year. Lommori is the first Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Yerington 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 court, distinguishes Lommori as Nevada's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award announced in December, Lommori joins an elite alumni association of past state volleyball award winners, including USA Volleyball players Kim Glass (2001-02, Horseshoe HS, Penn.), Kim Willoughby (1998-99, 1999-00, Assumption HS, La.) and Ogonna Nnamani (1999-00, University HS, Ill).

The 5-foot-10 junior setter and right side hitter led the Lions (36-6) to the Class 2A state title this past season. The state's returning Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year, Lommori recorded 527 kills, 444 assists, 308 digs and 89 service aces. She was named state Class 2A MVP for the second straight season and is a three-time First Team All-State selection.

Lommori has maintained a 3.88 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of youth volleyball camps and has served as a member of her school's student government.

"Lommori is one of the best volleyball players I've ever had to coach against," said Diane Chapin, head coach of rival Fernley High. "She does it all—sets, hits, blocks. She's very versatile. She runs her team, and trying to get around her is tough."

Lommori has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at Central Connecticut State University beginning in the fall of 2012.

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 ESPNHS 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.

Lommori, a two-time winner, joins recent Gatorade Nevada Volleyball Players of the Year Siga Appelgate (2009-10, Green Valley) and Hayley Spelman (2008-09, Durango) among the state's list of former award winners.

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