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**DOWLING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® IOWA FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 5, 2013) — 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 Ryan Boyle of Dowling Catholic High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Iowa Football Player of the Year. Boyle is the second Gatorade Iowa Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Dowling Catholic 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 Boyle as Iowa's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Boyle 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, 205-pound junior quarterback led the Maroons (14-0) to the Class 4A state championship this past season. A Class 4A First Team All-State selection as named by the Iowa Newspaper Association, Boyle threw for 1,833 yards and 21 touchdowns on 119-of-187 passing (63.6 percent). He also rushed for 1,332 yards and 24 touchdowns on 199 carries. In the 44-13, title-clinching win over Xavier, Boyle completed 12 of 14 attempts for 287 yards and two touchdowns in addition to rushing for 78 yards and four scores on 19 carries, capturing state championship game MVP honors.

Boyle has maintained a 3.82 GPA in the classroom. In addition to donating his time on behalf of his church and as a student ambassador in his school's peer-mentoring initiative, he has volunteered locally as part of fundraising efforts for clothing and toy drives, food banks and Tori's Angels Foundation to benefit children with life-threatening illnesses.

"He brings everything to the table," said Gary Swenson, head coach at rival Valley High. "He can throw. He can run. He's smart. He's tough. Dowling Catholic is not in the state championship game if not for him. They have a bunch of really good players, but he was the key."

Boyle will begin his senior year of high school next fall.

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.

Boyle joins recent Gatorade Iowa Football Players of the Year Jesse Ertz (2012-2013, Mediapolis High School), Barkley Hill (2011-12, Cedar Falls High School), Connor Bravard (2010-11, Dowling Catholic High School), James Morris (2009-10 & 2008-09, Solon) and Dan Hoch (2007-08, Harlan Community) among the state's list of former award winners.

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