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**ROSEVILLE AREA HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MINNESOTA 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 Jacques Perra of Roseville Area High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Minnesota Football Player of the Year. Perra is the second Gatorade Minnesota Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Roseville Area 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 Perra as Minnesota's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Perra 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-4, 210-pound senior quarterback threw for 3,226 yards and 35 touchdowns on 202-of-336 passing this past season, throwing just five interceptions in leading the Raiders (9-3) to the Class 6A semifinals. The 2013 Minneapolis Star Tribune Metro Offensive Player of the Year, Perra also rushed for 380 yards and four touchdowns. He threw for 622 yards, completing 44 of 77 attempts including five touchdowns and one interception in a pair of playoff games in 2013.

Perra has maintained a 3.79 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a peer mentor and a youth football and basketball coach.

"Jacques Perra always seems to carry himself with confidence and class," said Andy Hill, head coach at Woodbury High. "I love how he plays the game of football. You can tell that he puts in countless hours of work and preparation in the offseason, not just in the weight room, but also by working with his teammates. He has a toughness to get back up after getting knocked down."

Perra 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 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.

Perra joins recent Gatorade Minnesota Football Players of the Year Bridgeport Tusler (2012-2013, Osseo Senior High School), Philip Nelson (2011-12, Mankato West High School), Eric Kline (2010-11, Blaine High School), A.J. Tarpley (2009-10, Wayzata), Anders Lee (2008-09, Edina High School) and Michael Floyd (2007-08, Cretin-Derham Hall) among the state's list of former award winners.

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