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**BLUE SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MISSOURI 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 Dalvin Warmack of Blue Springs High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Missouri Football Player of the Year. Warmack is the sixth Gatorade Missouri Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Blue Springs 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 Warmack as Missouri's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Warmack 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 state's returning Gatorade Football Player of the Year, Warmack led the Wildcats (14-0) to a second consecutive Class 6 state championship this past season. The 5-foot-9, 190-pound senior running back rushed for 2,221 yards and 30 touchdowns on 251 carries. A returning Class 6 First Team All-State selection, Warmack also hauled in 20 catches for 347 yards and three touchdowns in 2013. He rushed for 2,279 yards and 40 touchdowns on 255 carries as a junior during Blue Springs' 2012 Class 6 state title run.

Also a basketball and track standout, Warmack has maintained a 3.96 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a youth football instructor.

"He represents everything that high school football is about," said Ty Kohl, head coach at rival Lee's Summit North High. "Not only is he an exceptional player, but he carries himself with the utmost of character on and off the field. Great player, great kid."

Warmack has verbally committed to play football on an athletic scholarship at Kansas State University beginning in the fall of 2014.

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.

Two-time winner Warmack joins Gatorade Missouri Football Players of the Year Dorial Green-Beckham (2011-12 & 2010-11, Hillcrest High School), Darrian Miller (2009-10, Blue Springs), T.J. Moe (2008-09, Fort Zumwalt West High School) and Nathan Scheelhaase (2007-08, Rockhurst) among the state's list of former award winners.

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