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**LIBERTY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® NEVADA FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 5, 2013) — In its 29<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Tyler Newman of Liberty High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Nevada Football Player of the Year. Newman is the first Gatorade Nevada Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Liberty 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 Newman as Nevada's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Newman 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, 190-pound senior quarterback passed for 3,979 yards and 42 touchdowns, completing 223-of-366 attempts this past season, leading the Patriots (10-4) to the Division I semifinals. He also rushed for 445 yards and nine touchdowns on 60 carries. Newman was named the MaxPreps National High School Stat Star of the Week after passing for 496 yards and a state-record nine touchdowns in a 62-12 win over Del Sol High on Oct. 11.

Newman has maintained a weighted 4.38 GPA in the classroom. A peer tutor, he has volunteered locally as a youth football coach and mentor and with Every 15 Minutes, a group that raises awareness of the dangers of driving while drinking or texting.

"Tyler had an amazing year in the state of Nevada," said Brad Talich, head coach of Coronado High. "They competed against very good programs and he has led the state in touchdowns and throwing yards. He's a talented player."

Newman 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.

Newman joins recent Gatorade Nevada Football Players of the Year Donnell Pumphrey (2012-2013, Canyon Springs High School), Shaquille Powell (2011-12, Bishop Gorman High School), Keegan Buck (2010-11, Foothill High School), Dezerick Reed (2009-10, Del Sol), Tyler York (2008-09, Robert McQueen High School) and Devonte Christopher (2007-08, Canyon Springs) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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