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**NASHUA HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Trevor Knight of Nashua High School South as its 2013-14 Gatorade New Hampshire Football Player of the Year. Knight is the fifth Gatorade New Hampshire Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Nashua High School South.

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 Knight as New Hampshire's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Knight 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-1, 182-pound senior quarterback and defensive back passed for 1,800 yards and 19 touchdowns this past season, completing 116-of-202 attempts against just two interceptions while leading the Panthers (9-2) to the Division I state quarterfinals. Knight also rushed for 1,553 yards and 19 scores on 166 carries. On defense, the 2012 First Team All-State selection recorded 36 tackles and four interceptions.

Knight has maintained a weighted 3.74 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as an altar boy at his church and as a youth quarterback mentor. He's also donated his time to the Front Door Agency, which provides housing and assistance to families in need.

"South was a threat to score on every play as Trevor could beat you through the air or running," said Kevin Fitzgerald, head coach of Timberlane High. "He is especially good at making something out of nothing. He was the best player on the field week in and week out."

Knight has verbally committed to play football on an athletic scholarship at the University of New Hampshire 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.

Knight joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Football Players of the Year Tyler Grant (2012-2013, Exeter High School), Jake Kiley (2011-12, New Hampton School), Max Jacques (2010-11 & 2009-10, Salem High School), David Zocco (2008-09, Nashua High School South) and Billy Ferriter (2007-08, Nashua South) among the state's list of former award winners.

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