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**CAMAS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® WASHINGTON 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 Reilly Hennessey of Camas High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Washington Football Player of the Year. Hennessey is the first Gatorade Washington Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Camas 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 Hennessey as Washington's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Hennessey 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-3, 195-pound senior quarterback has led the Papermakers to a 13-0 record and a berth in the Class 4A state final against Chiawana, scheduled for Dec. 7. Hennessey passed for 3,205 yards and 36 touchdowns, completing 168-of-260 attempts while throwing just four interceptions through 13 games. A 2013 First Team All-Conference selection, he has averaged 12.3 yards per attempt for a Camas offense that has produced 55.9 points per game this fall.

Hennessey has maintained a 3.44 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of multiple school fundraisers and as a youth football coach.

"Reilly Hennessey made some throws against us that I have only seen a few quarterbacks make during my 33 years of coaching," said Dave Miller, head coach at Lakes High. "His leadership is awesome and he conducts one of the most potent offenses in the state in recent years, not just this year."

Hennessey has verbally committed to play football on an athletic scholarship at Eastern Washington 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.

Hennessey joins recent Gatorade Washington Football Players of the Year Max Browne (2012-2013 & 2011-12, Skyline High School), Kasen Williams (2010-11, Skyline High School), Jake Heaps (2009-10 & 2008-09, Skyline) and Tony Heard (2007-08, Edmonds-Woodway) among the state's list of former award winners.

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