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**CHARLESTON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® ARKANSAS FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 4, 2014) — In its 30th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Ty Storey of Charleston High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Arkansas Football Player of the Year. Storey is the first Gatorade Arkansas Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Charleston 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 Storey as Arkansas's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Storey 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, 220-pound senior quarterback has led the Tigers to a 12-0 record and a berth in the Class 3A state semifinals against Booneville, scheduled for Dec. 5. The state's returning Gatorade Football Player of the Year, Storey passed for 3,573 yards and 49 touchdowns against just four interceptions through 12 games, completing 253 of 373 passes (68 percent). A member of the AP Arkansas Super Team, he has also rushed for 576 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Storey has maintained a 3.71 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of his church community, he has volunteered locally as a teacher's assistant in an elementary school classroom.

"Storey is the best high school quarterback I've ever seen," said Bryan Hutson, head coach at Paris High. "He makes throws that you just don't see quarterbacks make in high school, and he puts the ball on the money every time. He's phenomenal."

Taking advantage of new NCAA early signing rules, Storey inked a financial-aid agreement that paves the way for him to enroll at the University of Arkansas. He is expected to graduate from high school this month and begin classes in the spring semester.

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 Storey joins Gatorade Arkansas Football Players of the Year Austin Allen (2012-13, Fayetteville High School), Fredi Knighten (2011-12, Pulaski Academy), Kiehl Frazier (2010-11, Shiloh Christian School), Michael Dyer (2009-10 & 2008-09, Little Rock Christian Academy) and De'Anthony Curtis (2007-08, Camden Fairview) among the state's list of former award winners.

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