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**DOWLING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® IOWA 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 Ryan Boyle of Dowling Catholic High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Iowa Football Player of the Year. Boyle is the second Gatorade Iowa Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Dowling Catholic 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 Boyle as Iowa's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Boyle 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-2, 215-pound senior quarterback led the Maroons (13-1) to a second consecutive Class 4A state championship this past season. The state's returning Gatorade Football Player of the Year rushed for 145 yards and three touchdowns on 19 carries in addition to completing 8-of-12 passes for 68 yards and a touchdown in a 49-14, title-clinching victory against Cedar Rapids Washington. The victory cemented his second straight state championship game Most Valuable Player award. A 2015 USA Football U19 National Team selection, Boyle threw for 1,934 and 18 touchdowns against just one interception on 143-of-231 passing (62 percent) in 14 games. He also rushed for 1,123 yards and 19 touchdowns on 167 carries.

Boyle has maintained a 3.82 weighted GPA in the classroom. In addition to donating his time on behalf of his church and as a student ambassador for his school's peer-mentoring initiative, he has volunteered locally as part of fundraising efforts for clothing and toy drives, food banks and Tori's Angels Foundation to benefit children with life-threatening illnesses.

"He's a great player and makes his team go," said Brian Woodley, head coach of rival Johnston High. "I have met him off the field, and he is a tremendous leader of young men and an individual that is well liked by everyone he meets. Boyle is the type of kid I hope my sons grow to be like when in high school. I will say I'm glad he will be gone next year, as I'm sick of [game-planning] for him."

Boyle has verbally committed to play football on scholarship at the University of Iowa beginning in the fall of 2015.

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 Boyle joins Gatorade Iowa Football Players of the Year Jesse Ertz (2012-13, Mediapolis High School), Barkley Hill (2011-12, Cedar Falls High School), Connor Bravard (2010-11, Dowling Catholic High School), James Morris (2009-10 & 2008-09, Solon), and Dan Hoch (2007-08, Harlan Community) among the state's list of former award winners.

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