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**BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEVADA 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 Tate Martell of Bishop Gorman High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Nevada Football Player of the Year. Martell is the fifth Gatorade Nevada Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Gorman 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 Martell 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, Martell 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 5-foot-11, 170-pound sophomore quarterback has led the Gaels to a 14-0 record, the No. 1 ranking in the USA TODAY Super 25 and a berth in the Division I state championship game against Reed High, scheduled for Dec. 6. At the time of his selection, Martell had completed 115-of-187 passes (61 percent) for 2,335 yards and 34 touchdowns against just two interceptions. The transfer from Poway (Calif.) High also rushed for 437 yards and four touchdowns through 14 games and was named to the All-Southwest League First Team.

Martell has maintained a 3.58 GPA in the classroom and represents one of the state's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade award's broad criteria. He has volunteered locally as a youth football coach and counselor.

"Tate Martell is unbelievable," said Dan Barnson, head coach of Arbor View High. "The kid plays huge in big games. Gorman should feel pretty confident knowing they have him for the next two years."

Martell has verbally committed to play football on scholarship at the University of Washington in the fall of 2017.

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.

Martell joins recent Gatorade Nevada Football Players of the Year Tyler Newman (2013-14, Liberty High School), Donnell Pumphrey (2012-13, 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.

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