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**LONDONDERRY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® NEW HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 4, 2014) — In its 30<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Eric Fairweather of Londonderry High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade New Hampshire Football Player of the Year. Fairweather is the second Gatorade New Hampshire Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Londonderry 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 Fairweather 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, Fairweather 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, 175-pound senior quarterback and defensive back rushed for 1,245 yards and 19 touchdowns on 152 carries this past season, leading the Lancers (8-2) to the Division I South Region final. Fairweather also completed 62-of-133 passes for 1,225 yards and 11 scores. A two-time First Team All-Conference selection, he recorded 25 tackles and five interceptions on defense and only nine passes were thrown in his direction all season.

Fairweather has maintained an A average in the classroom. A member of the Athletic Leadership Council at Londonderry High, he has volunteered locally at a homeless shelter and food bank in addition to donating his time as part of a fundraising campaign to benefit autism research.

"Eric Fairweather makes their offense go," said Scott Knight, head coach of Nashua South High. "He [makes] some really big plays."

Fairweather remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Fairweather joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Football Players of the Year Trevor Knight (2013-14, Nashua High School South), Tyler Grant (2012-13, 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.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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