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**ST. RAPHAEL ACADEMY STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® RHODE ISLAND 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 Alfred Dorbor of St. Raphael Academy as its 2014-15 Gatorade Rhode Island Football Player of the Year. Dorbor is the second Gatorade Rhode Island Football Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Raphael Academy.

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 Dorbor as Rhode Island's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Dorbor 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-9, 200-pound senior running back and safety rushed for 1,305 yards and 26 touchdowns on 157 carries this past season, leading the Saints (9-1) to the Division II state quarterfinals. A 2013 Second Team All-State selection, he recorded 43 tackles, including three for loss, along with four interceptions on defense.

Dorbor has maintained a B-plus average in the classroom and represents one of the state's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade award's broad criteria. He has volunteered with local blood-donation drives and was chosen by the Rhode Island Interscholastic League to attend the New England Leadership Conference the summer before his senior year to hone his leadership skills. He has donated his time on behalf of the US Marine Corps Toys for Tots Foundation.

"Alfred Dorbor runs with power and speed," said Dino Campopiano, head coach of Shea High. "He has all the tools that make a great back. When you play St Ray's you have to game-plan just to stop him."

Dorbor 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.

Dorbor joins recent Gatorade Rhode Island Football Players of the Year Matt Sewall (2013-14, Portsmouth High School), Anthony Francis (2012-13, La Salle Academy), Josh Morris (2011-12, La Salle Academy), Ben Willett (2010-11, Portsmouth High School), Mike Read (2009-10, Barrington), Dave D'Errico (2008-09, North Kingstown High School) and Bobby Bentsen (2007-08, Warwick Veterans) among the state's list of former award winners.

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