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**TUSCARORA HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® VIRGINIA 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 Noah Reimers of Tuscarora High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Virginia Football Player of the Year. Reimers is the first Gatorade Virginia Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Tuscarora 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 Reimers as Virginia's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Reimers 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, 200-pound senior running back has led the Huskies to a 13-0 record and a berth in the Division 5 regional final against Massaponax, scheduled for Dec. 5. Reimers rushed for 2,580 yards and 41 touchdowns on 302 carries through 13 games. A two-time First Team All-District selection, he also won two games as Tuscarora's starting quarterback, completing 16 of 23 passes for 198 yards and three touchdowns, without an interception.

Reimers has maintained a 4.28 GPA in the classroom. A member of the Key Club and his school's Conflict Mediation program, he has also served as a math tutor and volunteered locally on behalf of a youth football team.

"Reimers has outstanding feet, motor and power," said Jason Allen, head coach at Potomac Falls High. "He's extremely difficult to tackle. A game-changer."

Reimers will attend Harvard University next fall, where he will play football.

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.

Reimers joins recent Gatorade Virginia Football Players of the Year Andrew Brown (2013-14, Oscar Smith High School), Jonathan Allen (2012-13, Stone Bridge High School), Alex Carter (2011-12, Briar Woods High School), Demetrious Nicholson (2010-11, Bayside High School), Phillip Sims (2009-10, Oscar Smith), David Wilson (2008-09, George Washington High School) and Mike Glennon (2007-08, Westfield) among the state's list of former award winners.

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