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**PINE CREEK HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® COLORADO FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 3, 2015) — In its 31st year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced JoJo Domann of Pine Creek High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Colorado Football Player of the Year. Domann is the first Gatorade Colorado Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Pine Creek 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 Domann as Colorado's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Domann 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-1, 212-pound senior running back, wide receiver and defensive back caught 33 passes for 674 yards and nine touchdowns this past season, leading the Eagles (12-1) to the Class 4A state semifinals. Domann also rushed 36 times for 402 yards and 11 touchdowns. On defense, the Semper Fidelis All-American Bowl game selection, recorded 34 tackles, including 4.5 for a loss, and two interceptions, returning one for a touchdown. As a kicker, he averaged 42.9 yards per punt and connected on 34-of-37 extra points and 3-of-6 field goals with a long of 43 yards.

Domann has maintained a weighted 3.54 GPA in the classroom. A member of DECA at Pine Creek High, he has volunteered locally as a youth football coach and mentor.

"JoJo Domann is fast, strong and athletic," said Ron Woitaleewicz, head coach of Dakota Ridge High. "He made a play in our game where he jumped up over our defensive back and made a highlight-reel catch and then kept his balance and ran it in for a touchdown. Right then I thought to myself that this kid is special."

Domann has verbally committed to play football on scholarship at the University of Nebraska in the fall of 2016.

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.

Domann joins recent Gatorade Colorado Football Players of the Year Andrew Wingard (2014-15, Ralston Valley High School), Christian McCaffrey (2013-14 & 2012-13, Valor Christian High School), Joe Hansley (2011-12, Highlands Ranch High School), Jaleel Awini (2010-11, Rangeview High School), Austin Hinder (2009-10, Steamboat Springs High School), Bryan Peters (2008-09, Rocky Mountain High School) and Jon Major (2007-08, Ponderosa High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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