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**ZACHARY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® LOUISIANA 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 Lindsey Scott of Zachary High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Louisiana Football Player of the Year. Scott is the first Gatorade Louisiana Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Zachary 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 Scott as Louisiana's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Scott 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, 205-pound senior quarterback has led the Broncos to 12-1 record and a berth in the Class 5A state semifinals against Parkway High, scheduled for Dec. 4. Entering the postseason final four, Scott had completed 149-of-227 passes for 2,674 yards and 29 touchdowns while rushing for 1,607 yards and 23 touchdowns on 171 carries. The 2014 Louisiana Sports Writers Association's Class 5A Outstanding Offensive Player and the 2014 The Advocate Large Schools All-Metro MVP, he accounted for 17 touchdowns in the Broncos' first three postseason games.

Scott has maintained a 3.77 GPA in the classroom. A member of the Zachary High Beta Club, he has volunteered locally as a youth mentor and as part of multiple community-service initiatives through his church.

"Lindsey Scott is an outstanding athlete," said Dale Weiner, head coach of B.R. Catholic High. "He hurts opponents with his running and his passing. They won a few down-to-the-wire games this season. I don't think they win those without him."

Scott has verbally committed to play football on scholarship at Syracuse University 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.

Scott joins recent Gatorade Louisiana Football Players of the Year Deshawn Capers-Smith (2014-15, Warren Easton Charter High School), Leonard Fournette (2013-14 & 2012-13, St. Augustine High School), Landon Collins (2011-12, Dutchtown High School), Anthony Johnson (2010-11, O. Perry Walker High School), Kenny Hilliard (2009-10, Patterson High School), Dez Duron (2008-09, Evangel Christian Academy) and Jordan Jefferson (2007-08, Destrehan High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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