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**BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEVADA 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 Biaggio Ali Walsh of Bishop Gorman High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Nevada Football Player of the Year. Ali Walsh is the sixth Gatorade Nevada Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Gorman 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 Ali Walsh as Nevada's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Ali Walsh 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-10, 182-pound junior running back has led the Gaels to a 14-0 record, the No. 1 ranking in the USA TODAY Super 25 Expert Rankings and a berth in the Division I state championship game against Liberty High, scheduled for Dec. 5. At the time of his selection, Walsh had rushed for 2,187 yards and 30 touchdowns on 183 carries, averaging 12.0 yards per tote. The first-year starter had also caught nine passes for 181 yards and three scores for Gorman, which is seeking its seventh straight state title.

Walsh has maintained a B average in the classroom. The grandson of three-time heavyweight boxing champion and cultural icon Muhammad Ali, he has volunteered locally at a homeless shelter and food bank and with the Salvation Army.

"Biaggio has been Mr. Offense for Gorman this year," said Darwin Rost, athletic director at Palo Verde High. "He made a lot of things happen on the offensive side of the ball."

Walsh will begin his senior year of high school 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.

Ali Walsh joins recent Gatorade Nevada Football Players of the Year Tate Martell (2014-15, Bishop Gorman High School), Tyler Newman (2013-14, Liberty High School), Donnell Pumphrey (2012-13, Canyon Springs High School), Shaquille Powell (2011-12, Bishop Gorman High School), Keegan Buck (2010-11, Foothill High School), Dezerick Reed (2009-10, Del Sol High School), Tyler York (2008-09, Robert McQueen High School) and Devonte Christopher (2007-08, Canyon Springs High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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