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**NORTHERN VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AT OLD TAPPAN STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEW JERSEY 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 Jordan Fuller of Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan as its 2015-16 Gatorade New Jersey Football Player of the Year. Fuller is the second Gatorade New Jersey Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Northern Valley Regional High School at Old Tappan.

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 Fuller as New Jersey's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Fuller 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-2, 205-pound senior all-purpose player has led the Golden Knights to an 11-0 record and a berth in the Group IV, North I championship game, scheduled for Dec. 5. A 2016 U.S. Army All-American Bowl selection, Fuller rushed for 747 yards and 11 touchdowns on 72 carries in addition to hauling in 33 receptions for 786 yards and five scores entering the state final. The returning First Team All-Group IV selection as named by NJ Advanced Media, he threw for 138 yards and two touchdowns on 7-of-7 passing entering the group final. Also a defensive back, Fuller has recorded 53 tackles and returned one of his five interceptions back for a touchdown. He took back three punts and one kickoff for scores on special teams through 11 games.

Fuller has maintained an A average in the classroom. In addition to donating his time as a youth football instructor, he has volunteered for multiple charities and fundraising campaigns on behalf of his church.

"Jordan possesses the most unique and outstanding physical gifts and skills that make him the greatest overall football player in New Jersey," said Old Tappan head coach Brian Dunn. "However, the characteristic that separates him from other great athletes is his genuine love of others. His teammates, coaches, classmates, teachers and administrators all have such great respect and love for him because of his care and commitment to his school and community. I've never coached a better athlete, but I've also never coached a young man who combines that with work ethic, passion, care for others and team-first attitude."

Fuller 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.

Fuller joins recent Gatorade New Jersey Football Players of the Year Brandon Wimbush (2014-15, Saint Peter's Preparatory School), Mark Fossati (2013-14, Saint Joseph Regional High School), Jonathan Germano (2012-13, Bergen Catholic High School), Jamauri Bogan (2011-12, Union High School), Savon Huggins (2010-11, Saint Peter's Preparatory School), Tony Jones (2009-10, Don Bosco Preparatory High School), Dillon Romain (2008-09, Don Bosco Preparatory High School) and J.B. Fitzgerald (2007-08, West Windsor-Plainsboro High School South) among the state's list of former award winners.

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