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**CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NORTH DAKOTA 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 Dalton Feeney of Century High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade North Dakota Football Player of the Year. Feeney is the first Gatorade North Dakota Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Century 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 Feeney as North Dakota's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, Feeney 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-3, 211-pound senior quarterback passed for 1,745 yards and 19 touchdowns this past season, leading the Patriots to a 10-2 record and the Class 3A state championship. Feeney completed 104-of-169 passes (62 percent) and was intercepted just four times. A First Team All-State selection, he is also a two-time All-Conference honoree.

Feeney has maintained a 3.60 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of his church community, he has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and youth sports programs.

"Feeney's a really smart player with a good feel for the game," said Jay Gibson, head coach at West Fargo High. "He has a knack for making plays when it doesn't seem like there's a play to be made."

Feeney has verbally committed to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Missouri 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.

Feeney joins recent Gatorade North Dakota Football Players of the Year James Johannesson (2014-15 & 2013-14, Fargo South High School), Layne Johs (2012-13, Bismarck High School), Devin Coyle (2011-12, Mandan High School), Connor McGovern (2010-11, Shanley High School), Esley Thornton (2009-10, Bismarck High School), Brent Qvale (2008-09, Williston High School) and Josh Horner (2007-08, Fargo South High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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