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**ST. JOHN BOSCO HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® CALIFORNIA FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 3, 2015) — In its 31<sup>st</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Sean McGrew of St. John Bosco High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade California Football Player of the Year. McGrew is the first Gatorade California Football Player of the Year to be chosen from St. John Bosco 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 McGrew as California's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award announced in December, McGrew 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-9, 172-pound senior running back has led the Braves to a 13-0 record and a berth in the Division I CIF Southern Section Pac-5 Division championship game against Centennial, scheduled for Dec. 5. McGrew rushed for 1,668 yards and 24 touchdowns on 176 carries through 13 games. A four-year varsity standout and the 2014 Press-Telegram Offensive Player of the Year, he has led St. John's Bosco to a No. 1 national ranking in both the MaxPreps Xcellent 25 and the USA TODAY Super 25 Computer Rankings.

McGrew has maintained a 3.23 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Center for Learning Unlimited and Ride To Fly, a non-profit organization that provides therapeutic horseback riding to people with disabilities.

"Sean McGrew is a tremendous player and a great competitor," said Chuck Peterson, head coach at Orange Lutheran High. "As good as St. John Bosco is with all the athletes they have, they don't win without him. He is their engine that keeps them going and a very selfless player."

McGrew has verbally committed to play football on scholarship at the University of Washington 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.

McGrew joins recent Gatorade California Football Players of the Year Jake Browning (2014-15 & 2013-14, Folsom High School), Su'a Cravens (2012-13, Vista Murrieta High School), Zach Kline (2011-12, San Ramon Valley High School), Cody Kessler (2010-11, Centennial High School), Malcolm Jones (2009-10, Oaks Christian School), Ryan Kasdorf (2008-09, Notre Dame High School) and Matt Barkley (2007-08, Mater Dei High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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