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Marion High School Quarterback Selected for Comeback Athlete Award

*Methodist Sports Medicine / The Orthopedic Specialists Honors
Local Student Athlete Who Overcame Severe Hip Injury*

Indianapolis, IN – Nov. 28, 2011 – Methodist Sports Medicine / The Orthopedic Specialists (MSM / TOS) is pleased to announce the October Comeback Athlete Award winner is Kevin DaShawn Davis of Marion, Ind. He feared he would miss his senior football season at Marion High School because of a hip injury that required surgery and a six-month rehabilitation.

“If Kevin was to play football again he would have to overcome an opponent like he had never faced before,” said his father, Kevin Davis.

Doctors performed Davis’ surgery on Feb. 15, 2011, and he endured an aggressive rehabilitation process. As a result, Davis returned to the field earlier than expected, started every game this season as quarterback for the Marion Giants and even played defense as a cornerback. Davis and the Giants lost in the playoffs, but the team set a single season rushing record with more than 4,000 yards. Davis hopes his passion for playing football continues in college, but he has not selected a school yet.

“True leaders inspire those around them, and Kevin’s work ethic during his rehabilitation is a great example of how you can overcome adversity,” said Pete Sallay, M.D., president of Methodist Sports Medicine / The Orthopedic Specialists.

The Comeback Athlete Award is a monthly award honoring a different Indiana high school or college athlete who has overcome adversity or injury and returned to excel beyond expectations in his or her respective sport.

In order to be nominated each month, the student athlete must play one of the following sports during these designated seasons:

- August to November Awards (Fall Sports): Boys Tennis, Cross Country, Football, Girls Golf, Soccer, Volleyball
- December to March Awards (Winter Sports): Basketball, Wrestling, Gymnastics, Swimming

- April to June Awards (Spring Sports): Baseball, Boys Golf, Girls Tennis, Softball, Track

To nominate a comeback athlete from Indiana, visit www.comebackathlete.com. Nominations should include one to two sentences describing why he or she should win the Comeback Athlete Award and the nature of the injury or adversity that the student athlete overcame.

Comeback Athletes of the Month will each receive an Under Armour workout shirt as well as recognition at the Thomas A. Brady, MD Comeback Scholarship Award ceremonies in the spring. Monthly recipients also are invited to submit an application for the annual scholarship award.

About Methodist Sports Medicine / The Orthopedic Specialists

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