

**SENTINEL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MONTANA FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 13, 2021) — In its 36<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Dylan Rollins of Sentinel High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade Montana Football Player of the Year. Rollins is the first Gatorade Montana Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Sentinel 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 Rollins as Montana's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Rollins joins an elite group of past state football award-winners, including Emmitt Smith (1986-87, Escambia High School, Fla.), Matthew Stafford (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas) and Christian McCaffrey (2012-13 & 2013-14, Valor Christian High School, Colo.).

The 6-foot-5, 285-pound senior offensive lineman led the Spartans to a 10-0 record and the Class AA state championship this past season. Rollins allowed just one sack and paved the way for an offense that averaged 211.1 yards rushing and 46.9 points per game. He is a First Team All-State honoree and was selected to the Blue-Grey All-American Bowl.

A devoted member of his church community, Rollins has volunteered locally on behalf of Ronald McDonald House Charities, the Special Olympics, a food bank and flood relief efforts. "Dylan Rollins is a special player," said Arie Gray, head coach at Butte High. "He's the kind of lineman who can take over a football game. Dominant in the run game and great in pass protection. He's one of the best linemen to come out of this state in a long time."

Rollins has maintained a 3.76 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football on scholarship at Brigham Young University this fall.

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 Player of the Year Selection Committee, which works with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Rollins joins recent Gatorade Montana Football Players of the Year Tommy Mellott (2019-20, Butte High School), Carson Rostad (2018-19, Hamilton High School), Gabe Sulser (2017-18, Billings Senior High School), and Nathan Dick (2016-17, Billings Senior High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Rollins has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Rollins is also eligible to submit a 30-second video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$2.7 million across 1,117 organizations.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com), on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).

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