

**LAKE OSWEGO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OREGON FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 7, 2021) — In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Jack Layne of Lake Oswego High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Oregon Football Player of the Year**. Layne is the fourth Gatorade Oregon Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Lake Oswego 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 Layne as Oregon's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award to be announced in December, Layne joins an elite alumni association of state 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-1, 190-pound senior quarterback passed for 3,379 yards and 38 touchdowns this past season, leading the Lakers (10-2) to the Class 6A state quarterfinals. Layne completed 71.5 percent of his passes (201-of-281) and also rushed for 322 yards and six touchdowns. The Three Rivers League Offensive Player of the Year, he is a two-time First Team All-League selection.

Layne has volunteered locally as a youth math tutor in addition to serving as a youth football and basketball camp counselor. He has also donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through the National League of Young Men, a philanthropic and leadership organization based in the Portland area. "Jack Layne was one of the hardest-working kids I have had in my 30 years at Lake Oswego," said Steve Coury, head coach of Lake Oswego High School. "Each game he was so prepared and it showed in his performance. Each week he got better, and his knowledge of the opponent was like having a coach out on the field."

Layne has maintained a weighted 4.31 GPA in the classroom and will graduate with a Bilingual Diploma in Spanish. He 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 Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Layne joins recent Gatorade Oregon Football Players of the Year Cole Prusia (2020-21, Tualatin High School), Casey Filkins (2019-20, Lake Oswego High School), Nathan Overholt (2018-19, Wilsonville High School), and Trey Lowe (2017-18, Jesuit High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Gatorade has a long-standing history of serving athlete communities and understands how sports instill valuable lifelong skills on and off the field. Through Gatorade's "Play it Forward" platform, Layne has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national organization of their choosing that helps young athletes realize the benefits of playing sports. Layne is also eligible to submit a short 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 \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 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 or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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