

**BULLITT EAST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE KENTUCKY FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 6, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Travis Egan** of **Bullitt East High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Kentucky Football Player of the Year**. Egan is the first Gatorade Kentucky Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Bullitt East 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 Egan as Kentucky’s best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award to be announced in January, Egan joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Trevor Lawrence (2018-19 & 2016-17, Cartersville High School, Ga.), Matthew Stafford (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas) and Emmitt Smith (1986-87, Escambia High School, Fla.).

The 6-foot-2, 200-pound senior quarterback led the Chargers to a 14-1 record and a 6A state championship this past season. He completed 215 of 325 passes (66 percent) for 2,934 yards and 35 touchdowns with five interceptions. He also rushed for 979 yards and 17 touchdowns on 139 carries, averaging 7.04 yards per attempt. Egan was named MVP of the 6A state championship game after throwing for 285 yards and four touchdowns in a 28-27 win over Male. The 2022 6A leader in passing yards and passing touchdowns, Egan broke the Bullitt East High School record for career passing yards, set by his father Brandon in 1994.

A Bullitt East High School student ambassador, Egan has volunteered locally as a participant in roundtable discussions about cyberbullying hosted by the American Academy of Pediatrics. He also has donated his time as a flag football coach in the Mount Washington Football & Cheer Association. “When the game is on the line, he rises to the occasion,” said Central Hardin High School head coach Tim Mattingly. “He can make the throws and he has an ability to make everyone around him better. He was the best player we faced all year.”

Egan has maintained a 3.36 GPA in the classroom. At the time of his selection, he remained 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.

Egan joins recent Gatorade Kentucky Football Players of the Year Xavier Brown (2021-22, Lexington Christian Academy), Jager Burton (2020-21, Frederick Douglass High School), Michael Mayer (2019-20, Covington Catholic High School), and Wandale Robinson (2018-19, Western Hills High School), among the state’s list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade’s Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade’s social impact partners, supporting Gatorade’s ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners’ grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

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