

**CHRISTIAN BROTHERS COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MISSOURI 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 **Jeremiyah Love** of **Christian Brothers College High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Missouri Football Player of the Year**. Love is the first Gatorade Missouri Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Christian Brothers College 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 Love as Missouri'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, Love 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-1, 195-pound senior running back led the Cadets to a 13-1 record and the Class 6 state championship this past season. Love rushed for 1,292 yards and 22 touchdowns and caught 13 passes for 370 yards and five scores. In CBC's 35-28, overtime win over Lee's Summit North High School in the state final, Love rumbled for 212 yards and three scores on the ground and caught three balls for 106 yards and two TDs. Ranked as the nation's No. 59 recruit in the Class of 2023 by Rivals.com, he was a First Team Class 6 All-State selection.

Love has volunteered locally with the Ethical Society of Police to address race-based discrimination within the community. He has also donated his time at an elementary school and as part of community beautification projects. "As an opposing coach, every time Jeremiyah touched the ball we held our breath," said Chris Starkey, head coach of Vianney High School. "He has amazing size, speed and strength, and everything he does is so smooth and natural."

Love has maintained an unweighted 4.05 GPA in the classroom. At the time of his selection, he'd made a verbal commitment to play football on scholarship at the University of Notre Dame 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Love joins recent Gatorade Missouri Football Players of the Year Kevin Coleman (2021-22, St. Mary's High School), Mekhi Wingo (2020-21, De Smet Jesuit High School), Isaiah Davis (2019-20, Joplin High School), and Isaiah Williams (2018-19, Trinity Catholic 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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