

**ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE NEW YORK FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (January 6, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Dante Torres** of **St. Anthony's High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade New York Football Player of the Year**. Torres is the first Gatorade New York Football Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Anthony's 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 Torres as New York'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, Torres 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-3, 205-pound senior quarterback led the Friars to an 11-1 record and the Catholic High School Football League AAA state championship this past season. Torres passed for 3,320 yards and 35 touchdowns, and also rushed for 504 yards and 13 scores. He ran for two TDs in St. Anthony's High School's 20-point fourth-quarter comeback to beat St. Francis High School, 27-20, in the state final.

Torres has volunteered locally as a youth football coach and referee. "Dante Torres did it all for St. Anthony's," said Michael O'Donnell, head coach of Archbishop Stepinac High School. "In the championship game, he had the best game I've seen a player have in years. He did it both passing and running. He was the player that drove that team."

Torres has maintained an A-minus average 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.

Torres joins recent Gatorade New York Football Players of the Year Charlie McKee (2021-22, Oceanside High School), Clevmer Lubin (2020-21, Suffern High School), Israel Abanikanda (2019-20, Abraham Lincoln High School), and Trevor Yeboah-Kodie (2018-19, Garden City 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.

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) or follow us on social media on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).

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