

**PROVIDENCE DAY SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NORTH CAROLINA 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 **Jadyn Davis** of **Providence Day School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade North Carolina Football Player of the Year**. Davis is the first Gatorade North Carolina Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Providence Day 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 Davis as North Carolina'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, Davis 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, 180-pound junior quarterback led the Chargers to a 12-1 record and the North Carolina Independent Schools Athletic Association Division I state title this past season. Davis passed for 3,425 yards and 43 touchdowns, completing 221-of-305 attempts (72.5 percent)). He had six passing TDs in Providence Day School's 55-13 win over Charlotte Christian School in the state final, avenging the team's only regular-season loss. A transfer from Catawba Ridge High School (S.C.), he is rated as the nation's No. 7 recruit in the Class of 2024 by Rivals.com.

A member of the Providence Day School Diversity Club, Davis has been a sideline reporter for his school television channels since he was in the fifth grade. He has volunteered locally as a youth mentor and football coach. "Jadyn's arm talent is obvious, but it's his intangibles that make him truly special," said Chad Grier, head coach of Providence Day School. "He is a tremendous leader. He is fiercely competitive and that trait is not limited to Friday nights."

Davis has maintained an A average in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school 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.

Davis joins recent Gatorade North Carolina Football Players of the Year Omarion Hampton (2021-22, Cleveland High School), Jalon Walker (2020-21, Salisbury High School), Will Shipley (2019-20, Weddington High School), and Sam Howell (2018-19, Sun Valley 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 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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