

**DUTCH FORK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE SOUTH 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 **Jarvis Green of Dutch Fork High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade South Carolina Football Player of the Year**. Green is the first Gatorade South Carolina Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Dutch Fork 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 Green as South 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, Green 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 5-foot-11, 195-pound senior running back led the Silver Foxes to a 14-1 record and the Class AAAAA state championship this past season. Green rushed for 2,272 yards and 33 touchdowns and also caught 36 passes for 527 yards and five scores. He scored 16 touchdowns in Dutch Fork High School's five-game postseason run to the state title, including four TDs in the championship game.

Green has volunteered locally with the Adopt-a-Highway program and on behalf of the Special Olympics. As a member of Faithful Black Men of America, he has also donated his time as a mentor for at-risk youth. "Jarvis is simply the best player I have seen in South Carolina for the last two years," said Nick Pelham, head coach of White Knoll High School. "He does so many things well. Yes, he is fast, powerful and dynamic with the ball in his hands. But what separates Jarvis is how hard he plays on every single snap. A lot of running backs can wear down or take plays off—not Jarvis."

Green has maintained a weighted 3.55 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.

Green joins recent Gatorade South Carolina Football Players of the Year Trent Pearman (2021-22 & 2020-21, D.W. Daniel High School), Mikele Colasurdo (2019-20, Chapman High School), and Zacch Pickens (2018-19, T.L. Hanna 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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