

**MUKWONAGO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WISCONSIN 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 **Wynn Stang** of **Mukwonago High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Wisconsin Football Player of the Year**. Stang is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Mukwonago 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 Stang as Wisconsin'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, Stang 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, 191-pound senior running back rushed for 2,756 yards and 42 touchdowns this past season, leading the Indians (12-2) to the Division 1 state championship game. Stang rushed for 846 yards and 13 scores in Mukwonago's first four postseason games before breaking his collarbone on the third play of the state title game. A First Team All-State selection and also the 2022 MaxPreps.com State Player of the Year, he won the Elroy Hirsch Award as the state's top senior running back.

An all-state lacrosse player for the Indians as well, Stang has volunteered as part of multiple community service initiatives through his local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. "Wynn runs harder than any running back that I have ever coached," said Mike Gnewuch, head coach of Mukwonago High School. "He is the most physical back I have seen play in my career. He never takes a rep off."

Stang has maintained a 3.50 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.

Stang joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Football Players of the Year Myles Burkett (2021-22, Franklin High School), Hunter Wohler (2020-21, Muskego High School), Alex Current (2019-20, Muskego High School), and Leo Chenal (2018-19, Grantsburg 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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