

**OUR LADY OF GOOD COUNSEL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MARYLAND FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 3, 2023) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Aaron Chiles** of **Our Lady of Good Counsel High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Maryland Football Player of the Year**. Chiles is the third Gatorade Maryland Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Our Lady of Good Counsel High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation’s top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Chiles as Maryland’s best high school football player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Emmitt Smith (1986-87, Escambia High School, Fla.), Peyton Manning (1993-94, Isidore Newman School, La.) and Jackson Arnold (2022-23, John H. Guyer High School, Texas).

The 6-foot-3, 235-pound senior linebacker led the Falcons to a 10-1 record and the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference Upper Division Tournament championship this past season. Chiles amassed 122 tackles, including 22 for a loss, along with 15 sacks. A 2023 Under Armour All-American Game selection, he forced two fumbles, blocked two punts and one extra point and anchored a defense that allowed just 9.3 points per game.

Chiles has volunteered locally as a youth football coach. “Aaron is a great athlete and good football player,” said Pat Ward, head coach of St. John’s College High. “He’s super impactful, blitzes well and has good cover skills.”

Chiles has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football on scholarship at the University of Florida 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.

Chiles joins recent Gatorade Maryland Football Players of the Year Jason Moore (2022-23, DeMatha Catholic High School), Derrick Moore (2021-22, St. Frances Academy), Demeioun Robinson (2020-21, Quince Orchard High School), and Blake Corum (2019-20, St. Frances Academy), among the state’s list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade’s commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners’ grants have totaled more than \$4.9 million across more than 1,600 organizations.

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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