

**XAVERIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (January 3, 2023) — In its 39<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Henry Hasselbeck** of **Xaverian Brothers High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Massachusetts Football Player of the Year**. Hasselbeck is the third Gatorade Massachusetts Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Xaverian Brothers 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 Hasselbeck as Massachusetts'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-2, 165-pound senior quarterback passed for 1,349 yards and 19 touchdowns against just two interceptions this past season, completing 64.2 percent of his throws to lead the Hawks (11-2) to the Division I state championship. Hasselbeck also rushed for 740 yards on 76 attempts, averaging 9.7 yards per carry, and scored 11 touchdowns. He compiled 223 total yards and three touchdowns in Xaverian's 31-25 win over St. John's Prep in the state final. A three-star football recruit and ranked as the state's No. 4 recruit by 247Sports, Hasselbeck is also an elite lacrosse prospect who had offers to Maryland, North Carolina and Notre Dame, among others. He is the son of former NFL quarterback Matt Hasselbeck.

Hasselbeck serves as a peer minister and as a mentor to underclassmen at Xaverian. "He's really good, he threw the ball well against us," said Joe Gaff, Malden Catholic head coach. "He's a tough matchup because he can run and throw."

Hasselbeck maintains an A average in the classroom. He signed a National Letter of Intent to play football on scholarship at UCLA 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.

Hasselbeck joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Football Players of the Year William Watson (2022-23, Springfield Central High School), Ayden Pereira (2021-22, Central Catholic High School), Owen McGowan (2020-21, Catholic Memorial High School), and Kalel Mullings (2019-20, Milton 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](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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