

**BOZEMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MONTANA FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (January 3, 2024) — In its 39<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Kellen Harrison** of **Bozeman High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Montana Football Player of the Year**. Harrison is the fifth Gatorade Montana Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Bozeman 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 Harrison as Montana’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-0, 160-pound senior quarterback and free safety passed for 2,874 yards this past season, completing 67.9 percent of his throws for 10.7 yards per attempt and 25 touchdowns to lead the Hawks (12-0) to their fifth Class AA state title since 2010. The 2023 Montana Class AA Football media outlet’s Player of the Year, Harrison led all players with 85 yards rushing and 245 passing along with five touchdowns in a 35-27, title game win over Glacier High School. On the season, he added 329 yards rushing at 4.6 yards per attempt, along with seven scores on the ground.

Harrison has donated his time locally in association with the National Honor Society in addition to volunteering as a youth sports camp instructor, a youth football official and a Little League umpire. “I just watched Kellen Harrison throw for four touchdowns, run for another and make an interception leading his team over mine in an unbelievable championship game,” said Glacier High School head coach Grady Bennett. “He is such a gamer and in leading his team to an undefeated season and state championship, he never left the field. My vote is: He has to be the Montana Gatorade Player of the Year. With the talent assembled on that field in the title game and the way he stood out, the difference he made in the game, to me it’s very clear.”

Harrison has maintained a 3.92 GPA in the classroom. He remains 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.

Harrison joins recent Gatorade Montana Football Players of the Year Talon Marsh (2022-23, Capital High School), Taco Dowler (2021-22, Billings West High School), Dylan Rollins (2020-21, Sentinel High School), and Tommy Mellott (2019-20, Butte High School), 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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