

**BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 3, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Kevin Sheridan** of **Bedford High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade New Hampshire Football Player of the Year**. Sheridan is the second Gatorade New Hampshire Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Bedford 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 Sheridan as New Hampshire'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, 225-pound senior two-way end compiled 81 tackles, including 57 solo stops, 22.5 tackles for loss, nine sacks and seven forced fumbles, leading the Bulldogs (11-0) to a Division I state championship. Sheridan caught 16 passes for 261 yards and a touchdown at tight end, averaging 14.4 yards after the catch. He is also an All-State lacrosse player.

Sheridan is a member of the National Honor Society and has volunteered locally on behalf of his church community as well as both a youth football and lacrosse instructor. "Sheridan is a tremendous two-way impact player," said Kevin Fitzgerald, Timberland High School head coach. "He's a dominant run-blocker as a tight end and a matchup problem in the pass game. As an edge player, he is tough to block and creates havoc in the opposing backfield. He is a real difference-maker on both sides."

Sheridan has maintained a 3.55 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.

Sheridan joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Football Players of the Year Exodus Ayers (2022-23, Proctor Academy), Jackson Paradis (2021-22, Tilton School), Curtis Harris-Lopez (2020-21, Nashua North High School), and Malcolm Bussey (2019-20, St. Paul's 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 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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