

**THE HUN SCHOOL OF PRINCETON STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW JERSEY 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 **Miles O’Neill** of **The Hun School of Princeton** is the **2023-24 Gatorade New Jersey Football Player of the Year**. O’Neill is the first Gatorade New Jersey Football Player of the Year to be chosen from The Hun School of Princeton.

The award, which celebrates the nation’s top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes O’Neill as New Jersey’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-5, 225-pound senior quarterback led the Raiders to an 8-1 record and the Mid-Atlantic Prep League championship this past season. O’Neill passed for 2,151 yards and 20 touchdowns, completing 106-of-147 attempts (72 percent). A transfer from Marblehead High (Mass.), O’Neill was the MAPL Offensive Player of the Year. He’s ranked as the nation’s No. 58 recruit in the Class of 2024 by On3.com.

O’Neill has volunteered making food and wrapping gifts for the homeless in Boston. He has also donated his time as a youth basketball coach and with the Special Olympics. “Miles was an elite player on the field this year,” said Greg Bowman, head coach of Blair Academy. “He is a big kid who can make all the throws. He sees the field well and can use his athletic ability to extend plays.”

O’Neill has maintained an A average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football on scholarship at Texas A&M University 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.

O’Neill joins recent Gatorade New Jersey Football Players of the Year Micah Ford (2022-23, Toms River North High School), LeQuint Allen (2021-22, Millville High School), Audric Estimate (2020-21, St. Joseph Regional High School), and Fadil Diggs (2019-20, Woodrow Wilson 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 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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