

**MOSES BROWN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE RHODE ISLAND 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 **Myles Craddock** of **Moses Brown School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Rhode Island Football Player of the Year**. Craddock is the first Gatorade Rhode Island Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Moses Brown 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 Craddock as Rhode Island’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 5-foot-10, 187-pound senior running back rushed for 1,504 yards and 21 touchdowns this past season, averaging 10.1 per carry and leading the Quakers (7-4) to a berth in the Division III quarterfinals. In his final three regular-season games, which Moses Brown needed to win to reach the postseason, Craddock rushed for 553 yards and scored 10 total touchdowns. Defensively, he recorded 38 tackles and an interception, forced fumble and blocked punt.

The student senate co-president, Craddock has volunteered locally at the Camp Street Food Pantry, and on behalf of Play 60, an NFL youth flag football program. He also has donated his time as a peer leader for ninth-graders at Moses Brown. “Myles is different from most running backs because he is also a great receiver out of the backfield, and as a slot guy,” said Pilgrim High School head coach Blake Simpson. “Myles has great ball protection and I believe what makes him different from most backs is he’s usually at top speed as soon as he touches the football.”

Craddock has maintained a 3.48 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.

Craddock joins recent Gatorade Rhode Island Football Players of the Year Moses Meus (2022-23, Saint Raphael Academy), Marquis Buchanan (2021-22, Classical High School), Sam Baddoo (2020-21, Classical High School), and James Osanski (2019-20, North Kingstown 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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