## CORNER CANYON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE UTAH 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 **Isaac Wilson** of **Corner Canyon High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Utah Football Player of the Year**. Wilson is the fourth Gatorade Utah Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Corner Canyon 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 Wilson as Utah'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, 195-pound senior quarterback passed for 4,595 yards and 49 touchdowns this past season, completing 66.5 percent of his throws and leading the Chargers to the Class 6A state title. Wilson averaged 12.0 yards per passing attempt and added 1,304 yards rushing, averaging 8.7 yards per carry along with 13 scores. Rated the No. 1 recruit in Utah in the Class of 2024 by 247Sports, On3 ELITE and Prep RedZone, he finished his season as the 2023 national leader in total yards, according to MaxPreps.com. He accounted for nearly 6,000 yards of offense and 62 touchdowns last fall.

Wilson has donated his time locally on behalf of the Utah Food Bank and helped lead a school-wide fundraiser to support the needy. He has also volunteered by organizing weekly summer camps for youth players as well as similar, three-day camps throughout his scholastic career. "Isaac is one of the most decorated high school quarterbacks to come from the state of Utah," said Justin Hemm, head coach at Skyridge High. "He has a tremendous skill set to not only make every throw, but also the athleticism to make it tough on defenses to defend against his ability to run or extend plays. Along with his skill set, Isaac possesses a measure of grit that makes him a very special player."

Wilson has maintained a 3.43 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play football on scholarship at the University of Utah this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Wilson joins recent Gatorade Utah Football Players of the Year Smith Snowden (2022-23, Skyridge High School), Cody Hagen (2021-22, Corner Canyon High School), Jaxson Dart (2020-21, Corner Canyon High School), and Cole Hagen (2019-20, Corner Canyon 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 <a href="mailto:facebook.com/GatoradePOY">facebook.com/GatoradePOY</a>, Instagram at <a href="mailto:instagram.com/Gatorade">instagram.com/Gatorade</a> and Twitter at <a href="mailto:twitter.com/Gatorade">twitter.com/Gatorade</a>.