

**BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 6, 2024) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Seuseu 'SJ' Alofaituli** of **Bishop Gorman High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Nevada Football Player of the Year**. Alofaituli is the ninth Gatorade Nevada Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Gorman High School.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Alofaituli as Nevada's best high school football player, and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Emmitt Smith (1986-87, Escambia High School, Fl.), Peyton Manning (1993-94, Isidore Newman School, La.) and DJ Lagway (2023-24, Willis High School, Texas).

The 6-foot-3, 290-pound senior offensive lineman led the Gaels to an 11-1 record and the Class 5A, Division 1 state championship this past season. Ranked as the No. 10 recruit in the Class of 2025 by ESPN.com, Alofaituli anchored an offensive line that blocked for an attack which averaged 47.8 points per game and 10.7 yards per play. He is a three-time First Team All-State selection and did not allow a sack all season.

An avid pianist, Alofaituli has volunteered locally with the Salvation Army and as a youth football coach. He has also donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church. "SJ is a leader on and off the field and has speed, strength and work ethic that are unmatched," said Kea Toledo, offensive line coach at Bishop Gorman High School. "It's easy to see why he is so explosive and athletic. Offensive line is the most important position group in football, and he is a leader for a reason."

Alofaituli has maintained a B average in the classroom. At the time of his selection, he had made a verbal commitment to receive athletic aid to play football at the University of Miami next fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports - 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.

Alofaituli joins recent Gatorade Nevada Football Players of the Year Micah Alejado (2023-24 & 2022-23, Bishop Gorman High School), Germie Bernard (2021-22, Liberty High School) and Elijah Tau-Tolliver (2020-21, Reed 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, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 organizations.

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