

**WILSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OREGON 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 **Mark Wiepert** of **Wilsonville High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Oregon Football Player of the Year**. Wiepert is the second Gatorade Oregon Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Wilsonville 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 Wiepert as Oregon’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-1, 210-pound senior quarterback and safety led the Wildcats to an 11-2 record and the Class 5A state championship this past season. Wiepert passed for 3,803 yards and 51 touchdowns while also rushing for 700 yards and 12 scores. A First Team Special District 2 selection at quarterback, safety and punter, Wiepert compiled 81 tackles and punted for a 41.1 yard average. The 2023 Class 5A Defensive Player of the Year, he ran for five scores and passed for three more in Wilsonville’s 56-35 win over Mountain View High School in the state final.

A member of his local chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Wiepert has volunteered locally with Young Life, and he has donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church. “Mark Wiepert has had a truly standout year,” said Spencer Phillips, head coach of Lakeridge High School. “His command of the passing game, his decision-making and ability to read defenses are at an elite level. His stats alone highlight his consistency and impact.”

Wiepert has maintained a weighted 4.10 GPA in the classroom. At the time of his selection, he had made a verbal commitment to receive athletic aid to play baseball at Oregon State University 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.

Wiepert joins recent Gatorade Oregon Football Players of the Year Cru Newman (2023-24, Central Catholic High School), Sam Leavitt (2022-23, West Linn High School), Jack Layne (2021-22, Lake Oswego High School) and Cole Prusia (2020-21, Tualatin 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.

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 Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.