

**NASHVILLE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE TENNESSEE 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 **Jared Curtis** of **Nashville Christian School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Tennessee Football Player of the Year**. Curtis is the first Gatorade Tennessee Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Nashville Christian 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 Curtis as Tennessee’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).

At the time of his selection, the 6-foot-4, 225-pound junior quarterback had passed for 2,672 yards and 38 touchdowns, leading the Eagles (11-1) to the Division 2, Class A final. Curtis completed 71.5 percent of his passes and averaged 11.2 yards per attempt through 12 games, throwing just three interceptions. Ranked as the nation’s No. 4 prospect in the Class of 2026 by ESPN, he also rushed for 577 yards and 14 scores, averaging 7.7 yards per carry. He punted nine times for 35.7-yard average with all nine downed inside opponents’ 20-yard line.

For the past three years, Curtis has organized the collection and delivery of items for a Cozy Sock drive to benefit Vanderbilt Children’s Hospital. He has also donated his time by running an annual Toothpaste/Toothbrush drive to benefit the Ronald McDonald House in addition to coaching and mentoring youth football players. “Jared Curtis is one of the most talented high school quarterbacks that I have had the privilege of seeing in person,” said Jonathan Quinn, head coach of Davidson Academy. “His size, athletic ability and arm talent raise him up to a status that few achieve. He can make any throw from any position utilizing the entire field. What all that really means is that the young man is just special.”

Curtis has maintained a B average in the classroom. He will begin his senior year 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.

Curtis joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Football Players of the Year Braden Graham (2023-24, Riverdale High School), Arion Carter (2022-23, Smyrna High School), Ty Simpson (2021-22, Westview High School) and Prince Kollie (2020-21, David Crockett 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.