

**SPANISH FORK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE UTAH 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 **Aaron Dunn** of **Spanish Fork High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Utah Football Player of the Year**. Dunn is the first Gatorade Utah Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Spanish Fork 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 Dunn as Utah’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-8, 290-pound senior offensive lineman was the anchor of a line for an offense that produced 486 yards and 41.1 points per game, leading the Dons (11-3) to the Class 4A title game. Dunn spearheaded the way for a 2,600-yard rusher and a passing game that completed 69.8 percent of passes. Ranked as the nation’s No. 70 recruit by ESPN, the two-time First Team All-State selection surrendered just two sacks in 338 passing attempts.

Dunn has volunteered locally as a youth basketball and football camp instructor. He also donated his time filling sandbags when snow-melt river flows threatened to flood Spanish Fork during his sophomore year. “There’s no doubt that Aaron is the most talented offensive lineman in Utah and I believe he’s got a chance to play in the NFL one day,” said Spanish Fork High School head coach Jesse Roberts. “In his four years here, the program set a record for wins in a four-year cycle. His athleticism is hard to fathom given that he was also the MVP of our basketball team as a junior.”

Dunn has maintained a 3.52 GPA 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 Southern California 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.

Dunn joins recent Gatorade Utah Football Players of the Year Isaac Wilson (2023-24, Corner Canyon High School), Smith Snowden (2022-23, Skyridge High School), Cody Hagen (2021-22, Corner Canyon High School) and Jaxson Dart (2020-21, 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, 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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