## CAMAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WASHINGTON FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (December 6, 2024) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Jake Davidson** of **Camas High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Washington Football Player of the Year**. Davidson is the third Gatorade Washington Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Camas 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 Davidson as Washington'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-2, 185-pound senior quarterback had led the Papermakers to a 13-0 record and a berth in the Class 4A state championship game. Davidson connected on 201-of-290 passes for 3,440 yards and 50 touchdowns through 13 games. A two-time First Team All-Conference selection, Davidson threw at least three TD passes in 11 of his starts. He had also rushed for five scores.

Davidson has volunteered locally as a youth football coach. "I was impressed with Davidson's ability to keep plays alive and make plays with his feet," said Steve Pyne, head coach of Union High School. "He makes a significant impact on their success. He has solid talent around him, but he makes them better."

Davidson has maintained a 3.30 GPA in the classroom. He remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Davidson joins recent Gatorade Washington Football Players of the Year Kolton Matson (2023-24, Lake Stevens High School), Jayden Limar (2022-23, Lake Stevens High School), Josh Wood (2021-22, Graham-Kapowsin High School) and Sam Huard (2020-21, Kennedy Catholic 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 <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u>. Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.