

**BOUNTIFUL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE UTAH VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (January 9, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Taylor Harvey** of **Bountiful High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Utah Volleyball Player of the Year**. Harvey is the second Gatorade Utah Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bountiful 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 court, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Harvey as Utah’s best high school volleyball player and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as April Ross (1999-00, Newport Harbor High School, Ca.), Kerri Walsh Jennings (1995-96, Archbishop Mitty High School, Ca.) and Ayden Ames (2023-24, Prosper High School, Texas).

The 6-foot-3 senior middle blocker amassed 604 kills and 285 digs this past season, leading the Redhawks (27-5) to the Class 5A state final. Averaging 5.8 kills per set, Harvey added 57 service aces, 39 assists and 32 blocks on the year. Ranked as the nation’s No. 8 prospect in her class by PrepVolleyball, she helped Team USA win a gold medal at the NORCECA Continental Championships last summer. An AVCA First Team All-American, a three-time First Team All-State selection and also a two-time Class 5A POY in basketball, Harvey concluded her prep career with 1,704 kills and 801 digs. Her sister, Jordyn, was the state’s 2023-23 Gatorade POY in volleyball.

Harvey has volunteered locally by assembling and distributing Cold Weather Care Packages for the homeless community. She has also donated her time by fundraising and working concession stands for youth sports programs. “Taylor Harvey’s .329 hitting percentage is wildly impressive when you consider that she took over 1,300 swings for her team,” said Silver Fonua, head coach at Skyridge High School. “We dedicated two blockers to Taylor and she not only hit over the top of our blocks, but she was also hitting sharp angles. It’s not surprising she led the state in kills. She was truly the single most dominant high school player in Utah this year.

Harvey has maintained a weighted 3.58 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play volleyball at the University of Texas this 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.

Harvey joins recent Gatorade Utah Volleyball Players of the Year Zoey Burgess (2023-24, Lone Peak), Jordyn Harvey (2022-23, Bountiful High School), Maggie Mendelson (2021-22, Fremont High School) and Lauren Jardine (2020-21, Lone Peak 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](http://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](https://x.com/Gatorade).