

BISHOP NEUMANN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEBRASKA 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 **Conor Booth** of **Bishop Neumann High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Nebraska Football Player of the Year**. Booth is the first Gatorade Nebraska Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Neumann 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 Booth as Nebraska’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, 215-pound senior running back rushed for 2,956 yards and a Class C2-record 50 touchdowns this past season, averaging 11.1 yards per carry and leading the Cavaliers (11-2) to the state title game. Booth also booted 14 punts for an average of 38.9 yards. His 10 consecutive games with 200 or more yards rushing set an all-class record. A 2023 First Team All-State selection and 2024 Super State First Team honoree, he is ranked as Nebraska’s No. 12 recruit by Prep RedZone. He was also named Offensive MVP of the US Army All-American Junior Combine. He will graduate as the Class C2 record-holder for career touchdowns and tied for the single-game touchdown mark with eight.

Booth has donated his time on behalf of the God Teens faith formation group, Neumann FIRE campus ministry and as part of two service-mission trips to Gallup, New Mexico—home to the poorest diocese in the country. He also has volunteered in association with his school by helping the elderly in his community, performing manual labor including moving furniture and lawn care. “Conor is the best C-2 running back that we’ve played against in my 24 years as a head coach,” said Chad Cattau of Cedar Catholic High School. “He’s strong, fast, explosive and he has the ability to make kids miss and score from anywhere on the field. He’s obviously in great condition as well since he’s expected to run the ball 30 to 40 times per game. He also seemed to have great sportsmanship when we played them.”

Booth has maintained a 3.77 GPA in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to receive athletic aid to play football and baseball at the University of Nebraska 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.

Booth joins recent Gatorade Nebraska Football Players of the Year Anthony Rezac (2023-24, Westside High School), Zane Flores (2022-23, Gretna High School), Noah Walters (2021-22, Lincoln East High School) and Cole Payton (2020-21, Westside 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.

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