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**CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 6, 2018) — In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced John Lynam of Coronado High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Lynam is the first Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Coronado High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Lynam as Nevada's best high school boys soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Lynam joins an elite alumni association of past state soccer award-winners, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel HS, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick HS, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-04, Blue Valley West HS, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire HS, Mass.), Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista HS, Colo.).

The state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot-2, 155-pound senior forward led the Cougars (27-2-2) to the Class 4A state championship this past season. Lynam scored 55 goals and passed for 17 assists, including scoring both goals in a 2-1 win over Wooster High in the state final. A two-time First Team All-State selection, he conclude his prep soccer career with 109 goals and 51 assists.

Lynam has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach and referee. "John Lynam is a quick, sneaky player," said Andrew Risheg, head coach of Foothill High. "He beats players with both pure speed and also with finesse."

Lynam has maintained a weighted 3.26 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school 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 work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Two-time winner Lynam joins Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Players of the Year Peter Garrett (2015-16, Carson High School), Jackson Dietrich (2014-15, Foothill High School), Danny Musovski (2013-14 & 2012-13, Liberty High School), Ruben Duran (2011-12, Eldorado High School), Matt Polster (2010-11, Palo Verde High School), Joaquin Rivas (2009-10, Las Vegas High School), Kevin Rogge (2008-09, Centennial), Steven Avena (2007-08, Bishop Gorman), and Zac Zaher (2006-07, Bishop Gorman College Preparatory School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Lynam will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit www.gatorade.com/poy.

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