

**BOZEMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MONTANA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 6, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Ted Scott of Bozeman High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Montana Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Scott is the third Gatorade Montana Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Bozeman 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 Scott as Montana'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, Scott joins an elite alumni association of past state soccer award-winners, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook High School, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel High School, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School of Young Women, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick High School, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-04, Blue Valley West High School, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire High School, Mass.) and Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.).

The 6-foot-3, 165-pound senior midfielder led the Hawks to a 15-0 record and the Class AA state championship this past season. Scott tallied 13 goals and 16 assists and supported a defense that allowed just four goals all season. The Eastern Division Class AA Player of the Year, Scott was a two-time First Team All-State selection. He concluded his prep soccer career with 20 goals and 23 assists.

Scott has a summer job on a ranch where he helps prepare events for Eagle Mount, a charitable organization that provides fishing opportunities for handicapped adults. He has also volunteered locally as an elementary school mentor and as a youth soccer coach. "The word that would best describe Ted is crafty," said Hunter Terry, head coach of Bozeman High. "His first touch is pristine and his ability to keep or prep difficult balls played into him is one of his strong suits. He is a fantastic passer."

Scott has maintained a 3.32 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Westminster College in Utah 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. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Scott joins recent Gatorade Montana Boys Soccer Players of the Year Matt Baldrige (2017-18 & 2016-17, Hellgate High School), Peter Byrne (2015-16, Hellgate High School), Ben Hietala (2014-15, Bozeman High School) and Alec Marshall (2013-14, Bozeman High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Scott also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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