

**DIMOND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE ALASKA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE
YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 12, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Jared Mateaki of Dimond High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Alaska Boys Soccer Player of the Year.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes for their excellence in sport, academics and community. The award recognizes Mateaki as Alaska’s best high school boys soccer player, and he joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Alecko Eskandarian (1999-00, Bergen Catholic High School, New Jersey), Cristian Roldan (2012-13, El Rancho High School, California) and Dan Klink (2024-25, Loyola Blakefield, Maryland).

The 5-foot-8, 158-pound senior midfielder led the Lynx to an 18-0-1 record and the Division I state championship this past season. Mateaki scored 14 goals and passed for 16 assists, setting up the lone tally in Dimond’s 1-0 win over West Valley High in the state final. A three-time Cook Inlet Conference First Team selection, he is the brother of Mai Mateaki, the 2023-24 Gatorade Alaska Girls Soccer Player of the Year.

Mateaki has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach and he has donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church congregation. “Jared’s exceptional speed, technical ability and composure on the ball make him a dynamic and consistent offensive threat,” said Seth O’Banion, head coach of Dimond High School. “His ability to impact every phase of the game elevates the performance of those around him and when he’s at his best, he has the unique ability to change the outcome of a match.”

Mateaki has maintained a weighted 3.44 GPA in the classroom. He remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one state winner from each of the 50 states and Washington D.C., in 12 different sports: football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field. In total, 610 high school athletes are honored each year. From the pool of state winners, one national winner is selected in each of the 12 sports. 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 winners in each sport.

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 \$6.4 million in grants to winners across more than 2,200 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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