

## **IOLANI SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE HAWAII BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 12, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Devin Lee of Iolani School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Hawaii 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 Lee as Hawaii’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 state’s returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-9, 160-pound senior midfielder led the Raiders to a 13-0 record and a second straight Division I state championship this past season. Lee scored 12 goals and passed for a dozen assists as well, including one of each in Iolani’s 5-2 win over Punahou School in the state final. He repeated as both the Honolulu Advertiser Player of the Year and the Most Outstanding Player of the state tournament.

A member of the Iolani Global and Cultural Issues Club, Lee has volunteered locally as part of community beautification projects. “What makes Devin special goes beyond his technical ability,” said Alika Cosner, head coach of Mililani High School. “He plays with a genuine passion for the game that’s visible from the opening whistle and that energy is contagious among his teammates. More than that, he demonstrates real leadership on the field—organizing, communicating and elevating the players around him. That combination of passion and leadership is rare, especially at this level.”

Lee has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at California State University, Fullerton this fall.

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](https://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X (Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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