

**CAPITAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MONTANA 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 Owen Jenkins of Capital High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Montana 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 Jenkins as Montana’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 6-foot-1, 190-pound senior keeper recorded eight shutouts and allowed just 12 goals this past season, leading the Bruins (13-4) to the Class AA state semifinals. Jenkins also chipped in offensively with one goal and three assists. The second Montana boys player in history to make an Olympic Development Program National Team, Jenkins journeyed to Spain with the team this spring. He was also the Western AA Conference Player of the Year.

A member of the Capital High National Honor Society, Jenkins has volunteered locally as part of in-school movie nights in addition to donating his time as a peer tutor and youth goalie coach. “I have watched Owen evolve throughout his career,” said Ryan Billiet, head coach of Glacier High School. “He is one of the best goalkeepers in state history. His overall technical excellence and distribution are at an elite level.”

Jenkins has maintained a 3.71 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at Seattle Pacific University 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 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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