

CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEVADA 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 Gavin Flickinger of Coronado High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Nevada 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 Flickinger as Nevada'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-11, 160-pound senior forward led the Cougars to a 25-0 record and the Class 5A state championship this past season. Flickinger scored 67 goals and passed for 25 assists, setting a new state record for single-season goals. Despite playing only two high school seasons, he also graduates as the state career goals record-holder with 127 and as Nevada's career points leader with 315. The returning state Gatorade Player of the Year, he's also the Nevada South 5A Player of the Year.

Flickinger has volunteered locally by tutoring peers in math in addition to serving as a youth soccer instructor. He has also participated in multiple community service initiatives in association with the National Honor Society. "What sets Gavin apart is not just his production, it's how he carries himself," said David Ostler, head coach of Eldorado High School. "Despite his success, he remains humble and team-oriented. He leads by example, prioritizing team success over individual accolades. In an era where statistics often overshadow sportsmanship, Gavin represents the best of athletics."

Flickinger has maintained a weighted 4.95 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer on scholarship at Fordham 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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