

**GARDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE
NAMED GATORADE NEW YORK 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 Jack Klein of Garden City High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade New York 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 Klein as New York’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-3, 170-pound senior forward led the Trojans to a 20-2 record and a second straight Class AA state championship this past season. Klein scored 11 goals and passed for 13 assists including the game-winning tally in the final minutes of Garden City’s 2-1 win over Cornwall Central High School in the state final. The Newsday All-Long Island Player of the Year, he was also the Nassau County AA-2 Conference Player of the Year and a United Soccer Coaches High School All-American.

A member of his school’s Science Olympiad team, he has volunteered locally at the Garden City Library, supporting community events in the children’s and young adult sections of the library. He has also donated his time as a basketball mentor and coach for children with intellectual and physical challenges. “On a team of outstanding players, Jack manages to stand out,” said Pat Leary, head coach of Lawrence High School. “He’s capable of and willing to do whatever it takes for his team to be successful.”

Klein has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at Providence College 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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