

**MYERS PARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE NORTH CAROLINA 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 Henry Boner of Myers Park High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade North Carolina 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 Boner as North Carolina’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-10, 150-pound senior midfielder led the Mustangs (18-2) to the Class 8A state semifinals this past season. Boner scored seven goals and added 20 assists, averaging 1.4 points per game. A United Soccer Coaches All-American, he was also named North Carolina Soccer Coaches Association Player of the Year and Charlotte Observer All-Observer Player of the Year.

Boner has volunteered locally on behalf of a Habitat for Humanity donation drive and has performed various duties to help teachers get ready for the first day of school each year. He has also donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church youth group. “Boner was a leader on the field and a playmaker you had to account for,” said Jason Zak, head coach at Marvin Ridge High School. “He has great vision, consistency and can play a dangerous final ball in the attacking third for higher-percentage scoring chances.”

Boner has maintained a 4.23 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at Wofford 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](http://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](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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