

## **BEAVERTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OREGON 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 Callan 'Cal' Spear of Beaverton High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Oregon 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 Spear as Oregon’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-2, 160-pound junior defender led the Beavers to a 18-1-1 record and the Class 6A state championship this past season. Spear scored six goals and anchored a defense that only surrendered only 9 while recording 13 shutouts. Spear scored the equalizer in the state championship game to force overtime and converted the game-winning penalty in extra time. The Oregon High School Coaches Association’s Player of the Year, he was a TopDrawerSoccer First Team Best XI selection.

Spear has volunteered as a camp counselor and coordinator on behalf of his high school’s summer basketball programs. He has also donated his time to multiple community service initiatives, including Jam the Dam, which is a school-wide fundraiser for Make-A-Wish Oregon. “Callan makes the difficult look very very easy,” said Brandon McNeil, head coach of Lincoln High School. “He helped lead one of the stingiest defenses in the state. He was also a massive threat in attacking set pieces. The ball always seems to find him (in the box).”

Spear has maintained a 4.06 weighted GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school next 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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