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CONRAD WEISER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE PENNSYLVANIA 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 Abubakarr 'Abu' Barrie of Conrad Weiser High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Pennsylvania 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 Barrie as Pennsylvania'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 senior forward led the Scouts to a 27-1-1 record and the Class 3A state final this past season. Barrie scored 32 goals and passed for 18 assists, earning him the Golden Boot award in the Berks League. The Pennsylvania High School Coaches Association's Player of the Year, he's also a 2025-26 United Soccer Coaches All-American.

Barrie has volunteered locally on behalf of Hope Rescue Mission, an organization that provides shelter and safe haven for homeless people. He has also donated his time as a youth soccer coach. "Barrie is the kind of special player that only comes around once in a great while," said Trevor Brown, head coach of Tulpehocken Area High School. "He's one of the most well-rounded individuals that I've ever coached against. His soccer skills speak for themselves, but I believe what makes him most special is his character. He is a wonderful leader as he guided his team to a state final appearance and nearly an undefeated season. It's been a pleasure to watch him on the soccer field and I can't wait to see what lies ahead for him."

Barrie has maintained a 3.27 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer on scholarship at DeSales 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, Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY and X (Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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