

**POWDERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE SOUTH CAROLINA 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 Brody Pike of Powdersville High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade South 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 Pike as South 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 6-foot-2, 185-pound senior midfielder led the Patriots to a 27-1 record and a second straight Class 3A state championship this past season. Pike scored 39 goals and passed for 21 assists, capping his spring with five goals and an assist in Powdersville’s 6-1 win over Oceanside Collegiate Academy in the state final. A three-time Region Player of the Year and three-time All-State selection, he concluded his prep career with 100 goals and 68 assists.

Pike was a Powdersville High School Spirit Club leader, organizing a group that led the football team onto the field before every home game. He was honored as his school’s “Mr. Patriot” for his efforts. He has volunteered locally as a recycling coordinator. “Brody was a dominant player for them,” said Russell Shelly, head coach of Christ Church Episcopal High School. “He is a box-to-box midfielder who takes pride in defending as well as getting forward. I have not seen a player this spring as dominant as Brody.”

Pike has maintained a weighted 4.90 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer for the University of Alabama at Birmingham 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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