

## **LINCOLN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE SOUTH DAKOTA 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 Brady Stamp of Lincoln High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade South Dakota 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 Stamp as South Dakota’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, 180-pound senior midfielder led the Patriots to a 15-1-1 record and a third-straight Class AA state championship this past season. The state’s returning Gatorade Player of the Year, Stamp scored 24 goals and passed for eight assists, including one score in Lincoln’s 6-0 win over Jefferson High in the state final. A two-time United Soccer Coaches High School State Player of the Year, Stamp was a TopDrawerSoccer.com Fall Season Best XI First Team selection. He concluded his prep career with 54 goals and 22 assists.

Stamp has volunteered locally with the Sioux Falls Area Humane Society and as a youth soccer coach. He has also donated his time on behalf of Feeding South Dakota. “Preparing for a game against Lincoln was always difficult because of the variety of skills Brady brings to the field and the way he can impact a game,” said Victor Naranjo, head coach of Roosevelt High School. “He’s fast, strong and technically very skilled. He can dominate games in different ways, whether it is scoring, creating chances or putting constant pressure on a defense.”

Stamp has maintained a weighted 4.06 GPA in the classroom. He will attend the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire and play soccer there 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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