

## **RAVENWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE TENNESSEE 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 Simon Hetrick of Ravenwood High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Tennessee 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 Hetrick as Tennessee’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, 155-pound senior midfielder led the Raptors to a 19-3-2 record and the Class AAA state championship this past season. Hetrick scored 11 goals and passed for 8 assists, netting his PK in a penalty shootout to help Ravenswood secure the state title. He is the two-time Williamson County District Midfielder of the Year and a 2026 Wilco Soccer Player of the Year nominee.

Hetrick has volunteered locally with One Generation Away, an organization that gathers and distributes food to people in need. He has also donated his time as a mentor in a fourth-grade classroom. “Simon’s dominance is not always demonstrated in goals and assists, but his control over the game is easily visible,” said Kyle Roelke, head coach of Franklin High School. “The impact he has on his team’s ability to control large amounts of possession comes down to how good a passer he is and how well he reads the game as a central midfielder. He was the best player we played in our district and the state tournament run.”

Hetrick has maintained a 4.32 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer on scholarship at Lipscomb 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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