

MADISON WEST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WISCONSIN 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 Liam Cahill of Madison West High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Wisconsin 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 Cahill as Wisconsin'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-3, 195-pound senior midfielder led the Regents to a 17-1-1 record and the Division 1 state championship this past season. Cahill scored 13 goals and passed for 12 assists, netting a goal during Madison West High School's 2-1 win over Brookfield East High School in the state semifinals. The Wisconsin High School Coaches Association's Player of the Year, he is also a 2025-26 United Soccer Coaches All-American.

Cahill has volunteered locally with Luke House, an organization that prepares and serves meals to the homeless. He has also donated his time as a soccer coach and Youth Board leader at the Millennium Soccer Club. "Liam has been nothing short of a field general," said Kevin Paul, head coach of Arrowhead Union High School. "His play demands his opponents account for him every minute he's on the pitch. Off the field, Liam shows the utmost respect for his opponents and even in a very hard fought, highly heated rivalry with us, he showed discipline and maturity while helping lead his team."

Cahill has maintained a 3.84 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer on scholarship at Marquette 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](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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