

**FAIRVIEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE TENNESSEE BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 8, 2020) — In its 35<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Brandon Parrish of Fairview High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Tennessee Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Parrish is the first Gatorade Tennessee Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Fairview High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Parrish as Tennessee's best high school boys soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Parrish joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook High School, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel High School, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School of Young Women, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick High School, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-05, Blue Valley West High School, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire High School, Mass.) and Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.).

The state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-9, 152-pound senior midfielder was a 2019-20 Allstate All-America honoree. Also a two-time All-State selection for the Yellow Jackets, Parrish earned 2019 TopDrawerSoccer.com Spring All-American recognition as well. Twice named the District 12-AA Player of the Year, he concluded his prep soccer career with 68 goals and 40 assists.

Parrish has volunteered locally with the Special Olympics and as a youth soccer coach. "Brandon's movement off the ball is fantastic," said Diego Figueroa, Parrish's club coach with Nashville SC. "Knowing that he was constantly getting pressed, he would do a fantastic job of creating space for others."

Parrish has maintained a weighted 3.36 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Clemson University.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Two-time winner Parrish joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Boys Soccer Players of the Year Atakelti Gebregzabher (2017-18, Station Camp High School), Drew Viscomi (2016-17, McCallie School), Lucas Altman (2015-16, Science Hill High School), Johnny Heckman (2014-15, Centennial High School), and Brad Ross (2013-14, Franklin High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit [www.Gatorade.com/POY](http://www.Gatorade.com/POY), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY](http://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Gatorade](http://www.twitter.com/Gatorade).

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