

DAVIES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 16, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Patrick Lawrence of Davies High School is the 2022-23 Gatorade North Dakota Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Lawrence is the first Gatorade North Dakota Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Davies 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 Lawrence as North Dakota’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, Lawrence joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ben Bender (2019-20, Calvert Hall College High School, Md.), Jacob Shaffelburg (2017-18, Berkshire School, Mass.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire School, Mass.) and Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel High School, Calif.).

The 5-foot-9, 160-pound senior midfielder and forward scored 12 goals and passed for five assists this past season, leading the Eagles (16-1-1) to the Class A state title game. Lawrence was a First Team All-State selection as a senior and a Second Team All-State honoree as a junior. He concluded his prep soccer career with 22 goals and 13 assists.

Lawrence has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach and has donated his time on behalf of multiple community service initiatives through his church. “It may not show in his stats, but Patrick’s work ethic is a large part behind the rise of Davies in the soccer realm,” said Ian Costello, head coach of Davies High School. “He has contributed to our success all four years.”

Lawrence has maintained a weighted 4.19 GPA in the classroom. He will attend the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Management, where he will study Accounting and Finance, beginning this fall.

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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Lawrence joins recent Gatorade North Dakota Boys Soccer Players of the Year Gannon Brooks (2021-22, Red River High School), Nikko Helderop (2020-21, Century High School), Mason Stotz (2019-20, Bismarck High School), and Telvin Vah (2018-19, West Fargo High School), among the state’s list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade’s Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade’s social impact partners, supporting Gatorade’s ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners’ grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

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 Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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