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CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEVADA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 12, 2017) — In its 32nd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced John Lynam of Coronado High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Lynam is the first Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Coronado 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 Lynam as Nevada'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, Lynam joins an elite alumni association of past state soccer award-winners, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel HS, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick HS, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-04, Blue Valley West HS, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire HS, Mass.), Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista HS, Colo.).

The 6-foot-1, 155-pound junior forward scored 35 goals and passed for 22 assists this past season, leading the Cougars (18-4-1) to the Class 4A state championship match. Lynam tallied eight goals and four assists in Coronado's five-game postseason run to the title game. The Southeast League Offensive Player of the Year and a First Team All-State selection, he concluded his junior year with 54 goals and 34 assists in his prep soccer career.

Lynam has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach. "Josh Lynam had a great season," said Andrew Risheg, head coach of Foothill High School. "He is very quick with the ball and a very skilled player. He is deceptively fast and it is very easy for defenders to lose track of him."

Lynam has maintained a weighted 3.08 GPA in the classroom and represents one of the state's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade award's broad criteria. He will begin his senior year of high school 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 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.

Lynam joins recent Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Players of the Year Peter Garrett (2015-16, Carson High School), Jackson Dietrich (2014-15, Foothill High School), Danny Musovski (2013-14 & 2012-13, Liberty High School), Ruben Duran (2011-12, Eldorado High School), Matt Polster (2010-11, Palo Verde High School), Joaquin Rivas (2009-10, Las Vegas High School), Kevin Rogge (2008-09, Centennial High School), Steven Avena (2007-08, Bishop Gorman High School), and Zac Zaher (2006-07, Bishop Gorman High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, John will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

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