

EDMOND NORTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OKLAHOMA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 20, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Rylee McLanahan of Edmond North High School is the 2023-24 Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Soccer Player of the Year. McLanahan is the second Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Edmond North High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation’s top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes McLanahan as Oklahoma’s best high school girls soccer player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Aly Wagner (1997-98, Presentation High School, Calif.), Mallory Swanson (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.) and Kennedy Fuller (2022-23 & 2021-22, Southlake Carroll High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-6 sophomore midfielder led the Huskies to a 13-1 record and the Class 6A state championship this past season. McLanahan scored 30 goals and passed for 12 assists and recorded eight multi-goal games. She won a gold medal at the 2024 Concacaf championships as a member of the U.S. Soccer Under-17 Women’s National Team and she’s rated as the nation’s No. 5 recruit in the Class of 2026 by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

In her capacity as a member of the National Honor Society, McLanahan has donated her time to a number of community service initiatives. In addition to fundraising for STUCO BALTO, she has volunteered locally on behalf of US Youth Soccer’s TopSoccer program, a community-based training and team placement program for young athletes with physical or intellectual challenges. A devoted member of the Crossings Christian Church, she has also served as a youth soccer instructor. “Rylee makes my job a lot easier just with her presence on the field,” said Ike Emegano, head coach of Edmond North High School. “She’s extremely passionate about the game, a great leader, an excellent striker and a prolific goal-scorer.”

McLanahan has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

McLanahan joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Soccer Players of the Year Narissa Fults (2022-23, Norman North High School), Samantha Allen (2021-22, Noble High School), Makenzie Malham (2020-21, Union High School) and Madison Tokarchik (2019-20, Bishop Kelley High School), among the state’s list of former award winners.

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 \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 organizations.

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