BOZEMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MONTANA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 18, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Maya Bossenbrook** of **Bozeman High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Montana Girls 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 success on the field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Bossenbrook as Montana's best high school girls soccer player, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Morgan Gautrat (2010-11, Frederica Academy, Ga.), Mallory Swanson (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.), Kennedy Fuller (2022-23 & 2021-22, Southlake Carroll High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-7 senior forward led the Hawks to a 15-0-2 record and a second straight Class AA state championship this past season. Bossenbrook scored 24 goals and passed for 15 assists, setting up both goals in Bozeman High School's 2-0 win over Gallatin High School in the state final. The Eastern AA Conference Player of the Year, Bossenbrook is a United Soccer Coaches All-Northwest Region selection. She concluded her prep soccer career with 46 goals and 34 assists.

An avid musician who plays piano, guitar, ukulele and sings, Bossenbrook has volunteered locally with the Bozeman Human Resource Development Council, organizing a 'community closet' that helps people in need. She has also donated her time with the Special Olympics and as a youth soccer coach. "Maya was able to play her best soccer against any level of competition, home and away and during the playoffs," said Clay Bost, head coach of Belgrade High School. "She was consistently Bozeman's most dangerous and complete player on the field."

Bossenbrook has maintained a 4.02 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at Eastern Washington University this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports – 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.

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 \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u>. Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.

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