

BERKSHIRE SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 12, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Emmanuel Marmolejo of Berkshire School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Massachusetts Boys 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 excellence in sport, academics and community. The award recognizes Marmolejo as Massachusetts’ best high school boys soccer player, and he joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Alecko Eskandarian (1999-00, Bergen Catholic High School, New Jersey), Cristian Roldan (2012-13, El Rancho High School, California) and Dan Klink (2024-25, Loyola Blakefield, Maryland).

The 6-foot-2, 190-pound senior keeper posted seven shutouts and made 80 saves this past season, leading the Bears to a 10-7-2 record. The Boston Globe New England Prep School Athletic Council Defensive Player of the Year, Marmolejo is a member of the Canadian Under-20 Men’s National Team. He participated in the Top Drawer Soccer High School All-American Game last December and was also a NEPSAC Class A All-Star.

The president of both the Berkshire School senior class and the schoolwide student council, Marmolejo has volunteered locally with the Berkshire Belonging Collective, promoting inclusion, empathy and a sense of belonging on campus. “Emmanuel was hands-down the best goalkeeper we faced this past season,” said Carl Stensland, head coach of Avon Old Farms School. “His command, presence and composure in the back were massive difference-makers for Berkshire. Whether it’s with his hands, either foot or his punts, he has a complete arsenal of tools.”

Marmolejo has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at Georgetown University this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one state winner from each of the 50 states and Washington D.C., in 12 different sports: football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field. In total, 610 high school athletes are honored each year. From the pool of state winners, one national winner is selected in each of the 12 sports. 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 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 \$6.4 million in grants to winners across more than 2,200 organizations.

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 Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X (Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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