

TOTINO-GRACE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MINNESOTA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 6, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Herbert Endeley of Totino-Grace High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Minnesota Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Endeley is the second Gatorade Minnesota Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Totino-Grace 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 Endeley as Minnesota'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, Endeley joins an elite alumni association of past state soccer award-winners, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook High School, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel High School, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School of Young Women, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick High School, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-04, Blue Valley West High School, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire High School, Mass.) and Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.).

The 5-foot-10, 152-pound senior forward scored 24 goals and passed for 11 assists this past season, leading the Eagles (15-2-1) to the sectional finals. A United Soccer Coaches All-American, Endeley was also selected as Class 1A Mr. Soccer and was named the Minneapolis Star Tribune Metro Player of the Year.

Endeley has volunteered locally on behalf of a senior citizens center and Feed My Starving Children. "Herbert Endeley is the best player I've seen at the high school level in at least the past two seasons," said Jason Barnhouse, head coach at Park Center High School. "He has excellent speed and quickness, and the ability to see the field, distribute and finish."

Endeley has maintained a 3.16 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Indiana University 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. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Endeley joins recent Gatorade Minnesota Boys Soccer Players of the Year Patrick Weah (2017-18, Wayzata High School), Juan Louis (2016-17, Washburn High School), Suad Suljic (2015-16 & 2014-15, Minnetonka High School), and Justin Oliver (2013-14, North High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Endeley also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.