

**BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE NEVADA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 8, 2020) — In its 35<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Caden Buckley of Bishop Gorman High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Buckley is the ninth Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Gorman 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 Buckley 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, Buckley joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, 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 (2004-05, 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 6-foot, 160-pound senior defender led the Gaels to a 26-0-1 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Buckley tallied seven goals and six assists, including the only assist in Gorman's 1-0 win over Eldorado High in the state final. The Nevada Preps All-Southern Nevada Player of the Year, he is a three-time All-State selection. Also a participant in the U.S. Youth Soccer Region IV Olympic Development Program, he played in the High School All-American Game this past December.

Buckley has participated in a service-mission trip to Jamaica where he helped care for people in need, including children with HIV/AIDS and young mothers in crisis. He has volunteered locally as a peer tutor, and he has donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through the Young Men's Service League. "Caden Buckley is a player that will not have a lot of stats as far as scoring and assists, but what Caden does is far more important than that," said Jose Gomez, head coach of Palo Verde High School. "He is the spark plug of that defense. He is extremely physical, good in the air and has a work rate that matches his mentality: non-stop."

Buckley has maintained a weighted 4.0 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Santa Clara.

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.

Buckley joins recent Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Players of the Year Alfredo Diaz (2018-19, Coronado High School), John Lynam (2017-18, Coronado High School), John Lynam (2016-17, Coronado High School), Peter Garrett (2015-16, Carson High School), Jackson Dietrich (2014-15, Foothill High School), and Danny Musovski (2013-14, Liberty High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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](http://www.Gatorade.com/POY), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Gatorade](https://www.twitter.com/Gatorade).

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