

**PUYALLUP HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE WASHINGTON 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 Logan Oyama of Puyallup High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Washington Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Oyama is the first Gatorade Washington Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Puyallup 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 Oyama as Washington'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, Oyama 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 state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-10, 155-pound senior forward was a 2019 United Soccer Coaches High School All-American selection. Oyama led the Vikings to the 2019 Class 4A state championship, scoring the winning goal late in the state final. Also the Washington State Soccer Coaches Association Player of the Year, he concluded his prep soccer career with 25 goals and 14 assists.

Oyama has volunteered locally distributing food to the homeless and as a youth soccer coach. He has also donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his school's Key Club. "Logan was the engine of our team," said Jason Prenovost, Oyama's club coach with Washington Premier. "We leaned heavily on Logan for minutes and leadership. He was always willing and played both sides of the ball."

Oyama has maintained a 3.99 GPA in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to attend Princeton University, where he will play soccer.

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.

Two-time winner Oyama joins recent Gatorade Washington Boys Soccer Players of the Year Michael Rojas (2017-18, Royal High School), Matt Williams (2016-17, Archbishop Murphy High School), Bennett Lehner (2015-16, Camas High School), Wallis Lapsley (2014-15, Lakeside School), and Carter Johnson (2013-14, Skyview 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](http://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Gatorade](http://www.twitter.com/Gatorade).