

**BISHOP KELLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OKLAHOMA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 17, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Madison Tokarchik of Bishop Kelley High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Tokarchik is the second Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Kelley 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 Tokarchik as Oklahoma's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Tokarchik 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 5-foot-5 senior midfielder scored three goals and passed for five assists in five games this spring before the remainder of the season was cancelled. A United Soccer Coaches All-American, Tokarchik concluded her prep career with 34 goals and 47 assists. Also a three-time Tulsa World All-World selection, she is ranked as the South region's No. 5 recruit in the Class of 2020 by Top Drawer Soccer.

Tokarchik has volunteered locally on behalf of a food bank, Catholic Charities of Eastern Oklahoma and youth soccer camps. "Maddie Tokarchik is a great player who always gives us fits," said Amanda Jo Johnson, head coach at Jenks High. "She has an exceptional left foot and can shoot from anywhere around the box. She's also a very versatile player who can move into nearly every position on the field and have an immediate impact."

Tokarchik has maintained a weighted 4.27 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Tulsa.

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.

Tokarchik joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Girls Soccer Players of the Year Ashton Gordon (2018-19, 2017-18, Booker T. Washington High School), Taylor Malham (2016-17, Union High School), Parker Goins (2015-16, Union High School), Kaylee Dao (2014-15, Jenks High School), and Anna Beffer (2013-14, Union 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, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.