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

CHICAGO (June 11, 2021) — In its 36th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Diesel Fiore of Bishop Gorman High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Fiore 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 Fiore 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, Fiore 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-1, 175-pound senior goalkeeper led the Gaels to a 7-0-1 record this past season. Fiore allowed just three goals and recorded six shutouts. A 2019 Class 4A First Team All-State selection, he set a state record as a junior with 16.5 shutouts as he helped guide Bishop Gorman to a state title. He concluded his prep soccer career with 29 shutouts, the third-most in state Class 4A history.

Fiore has volunteered locally with Project 150, an organization that provides necessities to disadvantaged youths. He has also donated his time to the Special Olympics and as a youth soccer coach. "Diesel is a prototypical goalkeeper," said Doug Borgel, Bishop Gorman assistant coach. "He has great size and agility with very good hands. He reads the game extremely well and always seems to come up with the big save."

Fiore has maintained a 3.39 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Eastern University (Pa.) this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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 works with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Fiore joins recent Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Players of the Year Caden Buckley (2019-20, Bishop Gorman High School), Alfredo Diaz (2018-19, Coronado High School), and John Lynam (2017-18 & 2016-17, Coronado High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Fiore has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Fiore is also eligible to submit a 30-second video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$2.7 million across 1,117 organizations.

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 playeroftheyear.gatorade.com, on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.