

**CALVERT HALL COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MARYLAND BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 16, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Ben Madore of Calvert Hall College High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Maryland Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Madore is the third Gatorade Maryland Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Calvert Hall College 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 Madore as Maryland'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, Madore joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Ben Bender (2019-20, Calvert Hall College High School, Md.), Jacob Shaffelburg (2017-18, Berkshire School, Mass.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire School, Mass.) and Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel High School, Calif.).

The 5-foot-9, 150-pound senior midfielder led the Cardinals to a 24-0-1 record and a second straight Maryland Independent Athletic Association Class A tournament championship this past season. Madore scored 14 goals and passed for 22 assists. The Baltimore Sun All-Metro Player of the Year and a United Soccer Coaches High School All-American selection, he participated in the High School All-American Game in December. He concluded his prep soccer career with 23 goals and 34 assists.

Madore has volunteered locally at an elder care rehabilitation center, and has donated his time as a youth soccer coach and referee. "Ben is a highly skilled attacking player," said Rick Zinkand, head coach of Calvert Hall College High School. "His technical ability combined with his quickness and decisiveness make him very difficult to defend."

Madore has maintained a B-plus average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Penn State 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. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Madore joins recent Gatorade Maryland Boys Soccer Players of the Year Jacob Murrell (2021-22, McDonogh School), Tyquan Stroud (2020-21, Mount Saint Joseph High School), Ben Bender (2019-20, Calvert Hall College High School), and Daniel Diaz-Bonilla (2018-19, The Heights School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade's Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade's social impact partners, supporting Gatorade's ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

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