

**WEBSTER GROVES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MISSOURI BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 16, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Oliver Doyle** of **Webster Groves High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Missouri Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Doyle is the first Gatorade Missouri Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Webster Groves 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 Doyle as Missouri'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, Doyle 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 6-foot, 165-pound senior forward led the Statesmen to a 21-3-3 record and the Class 3 state championship this past season. Doyle scored 14 goals and passed for eight assists, netting a goal in Webster Groves' 3-2 win over Kansas City East High School in the state final. The Class 3 Player of the Year and a United Soccer Coaches All-American selection, he concluded his prep soccer career with 30 goals and 14 assists.

The president of his school's German National Honor Society chapter, Doyle has volunteered locally as part of multiple community service initiatives through his school's Pep Club. "Oliver is a grinder that just keeps coming at you," said Terry Michler, head coach of Christian Brothers College High School. "He is relentless, owns a high work rate and was very dangerous around the goal."

Doyle has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Truman 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.

Doyle joins recent Gatorade Missouri Boys Soccer Players of the Year Ryder Barrett (2021-22, Rockhurst High School), Jake Karolczak (2020-21, St. Dominic High School), Christian Kraus (2019-20, Rockwood Summit High School), and Nolan DeWeese (2018-19, Christian Brothers College High 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.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).