

**GREEN VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA 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 **Anwar Ben Rhouma Torres** of **Green Valley High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Ben Rhouma Torres is the second Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Green Valley 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 Ben Rhouma Torres 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, Ben Rhouma Torres 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-11, 160-pound senior forward scored 49 goals and passed for 15 assists this past season, leading the Gators (24-3-2) to the Class 4A state championship game. The Class 4A Player of the Year, Torres played exclusively for his club team until joining the Gators during his junior season. This year, he recorded 15 multi-goal games, including two games with four goals and one game with five.

Torres has volunteered locally as a peer tutor for both French and Spanish language learners, and he has donated his time as a youth soccer coach. "I have coached in the Las Vegas area for the last 15 years and have had numerous players go on to play collegiately and professionally," said Jacob Rivera, head coach of Green Valley High School. "Anwar is light years ahead of any and all of these players. He performed at an unheard of level on the field this season. Not only is Anwar a great player, his soccer IQ and work ethic are what will allow him to find success in the future."

Torres has maintained a weighted 3.66 GPA in the classroom. He will pursue a professional soccer career in Mexico beginning this summer.

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.

Ben Rhouma Torres joins recent Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Players of the Year Yuval Cohen (2021-22, Palo Verde High School), Diesel Fiore (2020-21, Bishop Gorman High School), Caden Buckley (2019-20, Bishop Gorman High School), and Alfredo Diaz (2018-19, Coronado 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.

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