

**NASHUA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 **Santiago Somorrostro** of **Nashua High School South** is the **2022-23 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Somorrostro is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Nashua High School South.

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 Somorrostro as New Hampshire'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, Somorrostro 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-10, 165-pound junior midfielder led the Panthers to a 17-3 season and a second-straight Division I state championship this past season. Somorrostro scored 16 goals and passed for 18 assists, tallying one of each in Nashua High School South's 2-0 win over Hanover High School in the state final. The Nashua Telegraph Player of the Year and a First Team All-State selection, he recorded four goals and three assists in South's four-game postseason run to the state title.

Somorrostro has volunteered locally with the Humane Society of Nashua as well as the Salvation Army. He has also donated his time with the Nashua High School South Student Mentor program in addition to participating in community beautification projects. "During our match, Santi commanded the middle of the pitch," said Joe Ducharme, head coach of Alvirne High School. "He was very impressive—calm with the ball and a fantastic communicator."

Somorrostro has maintained a weighted 4.65 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school 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.

Somorrostro joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Soccer Players of the Year Eric Ringer (2021-22, Hanover High School), Samuel Latona (2020-21, Manchester Central High School), Charlie Adams (2019-20, Hanover High School), and Ryan Sledjeski (2018-19, Bedford 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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