

**CARDINAL NEWMAN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE SOUTH CAROLINA 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 **Duncan Wilson** of **Cardinal Newman School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade South Carolina Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Wilson is the fourth Gatorade South Carolina Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Cardinal Newman 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 Wilson as South Carolina'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, Wilson 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-3, 190-pound junior forward led the Cardinals to a 22-4 record and the South Carolina Independent Schools Association Class 4A state championship this past season. Wilson scored 38 goals and passed for 13 assists, netting a hat trick in Cardinal Newman School's 4-0 win over the Hammond School in the state final. The SCISA Class 4A Player of the Year, Wilson is ranked as the nation's No. 51 recruit in the Class of 2024 by PrepSoccer.com. He had played soccer exclusively for his club team until this spring.

Wilson has participated in a service-mission trip to Mexico and he has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach. "Duncan is an outstanding player," said Jason Vokral, head coach of the Ben Lippen School. "Our goal was to prevent him from getting the ball, and he still managed to get open, play as a team player and score a goal."

Wilson has maintained a weighted 4.53 GPA in the classroom. Taking advantage of NCAA early signing rules, he intends to ink a financial-aid agreement that will pave the way for him to enroll early at Clemson University, where he will play soccer. He is scheduled to graduate from high school this December and matriculate for the 2024 spring semester.

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.

Wilson joins recent Gatorade South Carolina Boys Soccer Players of the Year Fabian Menendez (2021-22, Riverside High School), Jackson Price (2020-21, A.C. Flora High School), and Ben Erkens (2019-20 & 2018-19, Wade Hampton 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).