

**GREENBRIER EAST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WEST VIRGINIA 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 **Adam Seams** of **Greenbrier East High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade West Virginia Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Seams is the first Gatorade West Virginia Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Greenbrier East 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 Seams as West Virginia'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, Seams 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, 130-pound senior defender led the Spartans to a 21-2 record and the Class AAA state championship this past season. Seams scored 14 goals and passed for eight assists, also anchoring a defense that allowed just 17 goals and posted 14 shutouts. A three-time First Team All-State selection, he was the 2022 West Virginia Coaches Association Defender of the Year just two seasons after being named the WVCA's Midfielder of the Year as a sophomore.

Seams has volunteered locally with Habitat for Humanity, and he has donated his time as a mentor for middle school students in addition to serving as a youth soccer referee. "Adam put that team on his back," said Steve Laraba, head coach of Woodrow Wilson High School. "He can play with either foot and has great vision and passing ability. He has the tactical ability to play in the midfield or as a center back."

Seams has maintained a weighted 4.15 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer and basketball on scholarship at West Virginia University Institute of Technology 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.

Seams joins recent Gatorade West Virginia Boys Soccer Players of the Year Nick Ihnat (2021-22, George Washington High School), Jonas Branch (2020-21, Fairmont Senior High School), Khori Miles (2019-20, Robert C. Byrd High School), and Joseph Biafora (2018-19, University 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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