

**CHEYENNE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WYOMING 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 **Logan Custis** of **Cheyenne Central High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Wyoming Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Custis is the fourth Gatorade Wyoming Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Cheyenne Central 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 Custis as Wyoming'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, Custis 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, 160-pound junior forward led the Indians to a 16-3 record and a trip to the 4A state championship game. Custis led the state in scoring with a school-record 29 goals and also passed for six assists. He scored almost a third of his goals (nine) in the postseason, earning First-Team All-State honors in the process.

Custis has volunteered locally at a senior center by assisting the elderly with computers, phones and other tech issues. He also has donated his time to the Friday Food Bag Foundation, packing food donations for needy children in the Cheyenne community. "He's a difficult matchup and plays his forward position with passion, intelligence, speed and technical ability that surpasses any other student-athlete we faced," said Joshua Eastman, Cheyenne South High School head coach. "When he receives the ball, he has great speed, deception and strength on the through ball and can hit shots with power and accuracy."

Custis has maintained a 3.2 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.

Custis joins recent Gatorade Wyoming Boys Soccer Players of the Year Charlie Hoelscher (2021-22, Jackson Hole High School), Cole Venable (2020-21, Worland High School), Joe Musselman (2019-20, Buffalo High School), and Isaac Howell (2018-19, Thunder Basin 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 or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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