

**HINGHAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 23, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Sophie Reale** of **Hingham High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Reale is the second Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Hingham 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 Reale as Massachusetts' best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Reale joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alyssa Thompson (2020-21, Harvard-Westlake School, Calif.), Mallory Swanson (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.), Heather O'Reilly (2002-03 & 2001-02, East Brunswick High School, N.J.) and Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School of Young Women, N.Y.).

The 5-foot-5 senior forward led the Harborwomen to a 19-0-4 record and the Division 1 state championship this past season. Reale scored 39 goals and passed for 13 assists and scored the game's only goal in Hingham High School's win over Algonquin High School in the state final. A two-time Division I Player of the Year, Reale participated in the High School All-American Game in December. Ranked as the nation's No. 86 recruit in the Class of 2023 by TopDrawerSoccer.com, she concluded her prep soccer career with 87 goals and 43 assists.

Reale has volunteered locally with SNAP (Special Needs Athletic Partnership), a non-profit that provides athletic and recreational activities for children and young adults with special needs. She has also donated her time as a youth soccer coach. "Sophie is a game-changer," said David Floeck, head coach of Whitman-Hanson High School. "She is one of those special players who positively impacts the game every time she steps on the field and changes the outcome of games single-handedly when needed."

Reale has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. Reale has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at UCLA 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.

Reale joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Soccer Players of the Year Molly Martin (2021-22, Buckingham, Browne & Nichols School), Arianna Bezanson (2020-21, Danvers High School), and Cat Barry (2019-20 & 2018-19, Tabor Academy), 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).