

**CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE VERMONT GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 23, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Chloe Pecor of Champlain Valley Union High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Vermont Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Pecor is the fourth Gatorade Vermont Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Champlain Valley Union 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 Pecor as Vermont's 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, Pecor 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-7 junior forward led the Redhawks to a 15-0-1 record and the Division I state championship this past season. Pecor scored 27 goals and passed for seven assists, recording seven multi-goal games and four hat tricks. The Burlington Free-Press Player of the Year, she was a United Soccer Coaches All-American selection and concluded her junior year with 51 goals and 17 assists in her prep soccer career.

Pecor has volunteered locally as part of a student suicide-prevention campaign and is a manager for CVU's Unified Sports program, which brings together athletes with and without intellectual challenges to train and compete on the same team. She has also donated her time as a youth soccer coach. "Chloe's impact is more than just her soccer skills and ability," said Kevin Barber, head coach of Essex High School. "She has a great work rate, mental strength and a never-quit attitude that drives her and her teammates."

Pecor has maintained a 3.01 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her 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.

Two-time winner Pecor joins recent Gatorade Vermont Girls Soccer Players of the Year Tanum Nelson (2021-22, Harwood Union High School), Josie Pecor (2020-21, Champlain Valley Union High School), Grace Pinkus (2019-20, Burr & Burton Academy), and Tess Belnap (2018-19, Arlington Memorial 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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