

WINDERMERE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE FLORIDA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 14, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Jose Moyetones** of **Windermere High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Florida Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Moyetones is the first Gatorade Florida Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Windermere High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation’s top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Moyetones as Florida’s best high school boys soccer player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Lyle Yorks (1987-88, E.O. Smith High School, Conn.), Alecko Eskandarian (1999-00, Bergen Catholic High School, N.J.) and Ben Bender (2019-20, Calvert Hall College High School, Md.).

The 5-foot-8, 139-pound senior forward scored 26 goals and passed for 20 assists this past season, leading the Wolverines (16-2-1) to the Class 7A state semifinals. Moyetones scored a goal in 17 of Windermere’s 19 games and recorded multiple points in 13 games. He was the Class 7A Player of the Year as well as the Player of the Year for the Orlando Sentinel.

Moyetones has volunteered locally as part of community beautification projects and as a youth soccer coach. “Jose’s impact on the pitch is more than just scoring goals,” said Ray Bornacelli, head coach of Olympia High School. “His calmness, maturity, confidence and class dictate outcomes unlike any player I’ve faced in high school.”

Moyetones has maintained a weighted 3.02 GPA in the classroom. He remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Moyetones joins recent Gatorade Florida Boys Soccer Players of the Year Max May (2022-23, Viera High School), Santiago Castaneda (2021-22, Tampa Preparatory School), Marcello Valbuena (2020-21, Tampa Catholic High School) and Santa Ihara (2019-20, Montverde Academy), among the state’s list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade’s commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 organizations.

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 X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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