LINCOLN SOUTHWEST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATOR ADE NEBR ASKA 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 **Dylan Beiermann** of **Lincoln Southwest High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Nebraska Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Beiermann is the third Gatorade Nebraska Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Lincoln Southwest 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 Beiermann as Nebraska'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 6-foot-3, 200-pound senior goalkeeper led the Silver Hawks to an 18-1 record and a berth in the Class A state championship game this past season. Beiermann compiled a 15-1 record as a starter, recording 75 saves and posting nine shutouts with a per game goals-against average of 0.667. He also recorded two assists.

Beiermann has volunteered locally as a soccer coach at Gretna Elite Academy, helping youth players develop their skills. He has also donated his time as part of multiple community service initiatives through his church. "Of the teams we've seen this year, in person or on film, there is no single player that has had a greater impact on his team's play than Dylan," said Scott Steinbrook, head coach at Kearney High School. "You can't play their style without a keeper who can play with his feet, understand possession and distribution, and then make big saves when called upon."

Beiermann has maintained a 3.6 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at Flagler College in St. Augustine, Florida, this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Beiermann joins recent Gatorade Nebraska Boys Soccer Players of the Year Michael Stukenholtz (2022-23, Gretna High School), Brett Perkins (2021-22, Gretna High School), Edwin Cisneros-Garcia (2020-21, Omaha South High Magnet School) and Parker Jeppson (2019-20, Lincoln Southwest High School), 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 <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u>, Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.