

## **SIERRA VISTA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEVADA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 14, 2024) — In its 39<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Lazzar Ramos** of **Sierra Vista High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Ramos is the first Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Sierra Vista 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 Ramos as Nevada’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-10, 140-pound junior forward led the Mountain Lions to an 18-2-1 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Ramos scored 29 goals and passed for 11 assists. He tallied the game-winning goal in Sierra Vista’s 2-1 win over Bonanza High in the state final, capping a four-game postseason in which Ramos scored nine goals. The Class 4A Desert League Offensive Player of the Year, he concluded his junior year with 48 goals and 24 assists in his prep soccer career.

Ramos has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach and has also donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church. “Lazzar had an attacking quality well above anyone else on the field,” said Darrell Neubert, head coach of Centennial High School. “He can separate from defenders and keep possession of the ball. They don’t win the 4A title without a goal-scorer like Lazzar.”

Ramos has maintained a B average 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.

Ramos joins recent Gatorade Nevada Boys Soccer Players of the Year Anwar Ben Rhouma Torres (2022-23, Green Valley High School), Yuval Cohen (2021-22, Palo Verde High School), Diesel Fiore (2020-21, Bishop Gorman High School) and Caden Buckley (2019-20, Bishop Gorman 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 [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 X(Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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