CONESTOGA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE PENNSYLVANIA 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 **Brady Costin** of **Conestoga High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Soccer Player of the Year**. Costin is the third Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Conestoga 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 Costin as Pennsylvania'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-1, 160-pound senior defender led the Pioneers to a 24-0-1 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Costin scored seven goals and passed for 14 assists, including a goal in Conestoga's 2-1, overtime win over Central Bucks South in the state final. Costin also anchored a defense that allowed just nine goals and posted 19 shutouts. The Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association Player of the Year, he was a United Soccer High School Coaches All-American selection as well.

Costin has volunteered locally with the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and as a youth soccer coach. He has also donated his time at a food bank and homeless shelter. "What sets Brady apart is his remarkable ability to make the difficult appear effortless," said Joe Caruolo, head coach of Radnor High School. "The more one scrutinizes his position and role, the more impressive he becomes. Brady served as the cornerstone for Conestoga."

Costin has maintained a weighted 3.87 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Delaware 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.

Costin joins recent Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Soccer Players of the Year Collins Oduro (2022-23, The Phelps School), Sebastian Tis (2021-22, Conestoga High School), Ben Liscum (2020-21, Lewisburg Area High School) and Dom Reiter (2019-20, Quaker Valley 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>.