

**DIMOND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE ALASKA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 20, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Mai Mateaki** of **Dimond High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Alaska Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Mateaki is the seventh Gatorade Alaska Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Dimond 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 Mateaki as Alaska’s best high school girls 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 Aly Wagner (1997-98, Presentation High School, Calif.), Mallory Swanson (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.) and Kennedy Fuller (2022-23 & 2021-22, Southlake Carroll High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-3 senior midfielder and forward led the Lynx to a 14-2 record and the Division I state championship this past season. Mateaki scored 26 goals and passed for 18 assists including seven multi-goal games—five of them hat tricks. A member of the U.S. Youth Soccer Olympic Development Region IV team, Mateaki is a four-year First Team All-State selection. She concluded her prep soccer career with 85 goals and 36 assists.

A four-year member of the Dimond High School Key Club, Mateaki has volunteered locally as part of community beautification projects and she has donated her time to multiple community service initiatives through her church youth group. “Mai works incredibly hard and is the most technically sound player in the state,” said Jeremy Johnson, head coach of Colony High School. “I’ve personally seen her putting in the effort in the offseason to become a better player. She also incorporates her teammates into the play and doesn’t try to do everything herself.”

Mateaki has maintained a weighted 4.35 GPA in the classroom. She will attend the United States Air Force Academy, where she will play soccer, beginning 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.

Mateaki joins recent Gatorade Alaska Girls Soccer Players of the Year Tatum Porter (2022-23, Dimond High School), Keegynn Applegate (2021-22, Dimond High School), Aubrey Stacy (2020-21, West Valley High School) and Kana Mateaki (2019-20, Dimond 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.

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