

MONSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS 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 **Kendall Bodak** of **Monson High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Bodak is the first Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Monson 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 Bodak as Massachusetts' 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-1 senior midfielder led the Mustangs to a 23-0-1 record and the Division 5 state championship this past season. Bodak scored 14 goals and passed for 12 assists, including one of each in Monson's 4-0 win over Whitinsville Christian High in the state final. A United Soccer Coaches High School All-American selection, Bodak missed the final eight games of the regular season while earning a bronze medal at the 2023 Pan American Games in Chile as a member of the U.S. Soccer Under-19 Women's National Team. She's ranked as the nation's No. 21 recruit in the Class of 2024 by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

A member of the Monson High student council, Bodak has volunteered locally with the Special Olympics and as a youth soccer coach. "I had not seen Kendall play until our first game against Monson this season," said Don Fraser, head coach of Amherst-Pelham Regional High School. "We had all heard about her of course, but she ended up being even better than advertised. She's the type of midfielder who is so skilled that she can control play without being flashy. She reads the game so efficiently that she is several steps ahead of everyone else."

Bodak has maintained an A average in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at Clemson University 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.

Bodak joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Soccer Players of the Year Sophie Reale (2022-23, Hingham High School), Molly Martin (2021-22, Buckingham, Buckingham Browne & Nichols Upper School), Arianna Bezanson (2020-21, Danvers High School) and Cat Barry (2019-20, Tabor 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.

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