

**EDINA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MINNESOTA 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 **Izzy Engle** of **Edina High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Minnesota Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Engle is the third Gatorade Minnesota Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Edina 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 Engle as Minnesota’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-9 senior forward and midfielder led the Hornets to a 22-0 record and the Class 3A state championship this past season. Engle scored 41 goals and passed for 14 assists, netting both goals in Edina’s 2-1 win over Wayzata High in the state final. A member of the U.S. Soccer Under-19 Women’s National Team player pool, Engle was the Class 3A Ms. Soccer winner and a United Soccer Coaches All-American selection. She concluded her prep soccer career with 96 goals and 56 assists.

Engle has volunteered locally as a youth leader with Wyldlife, a middle school version of the faith-based YoungLife organization in addition to serving as a youth soccer coach. “Izzy can pick the ball up anywhere on the field and run past everyone,” said Sean Baker, head coach of Minneapolis Southwest High School. “Or, she can combine quickly with her teammates and create a lovely assist. She’s the top female player to come through Minnesota in the 25-plus years I’ve been coaching.”

Engle has maintained a weighted 4.17 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Notre Dame 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.

Engle joins recent Gatorade Minnesota Girls Soccer Players of the Year Taylor Heimerl (2022-23, Rosemount High School), Maddie Dahlien (2021-22, Edina High School), Khyah Harper (2020-21, Centennial High School), and Paige Peltier (2019-20, Cretin-Derham Hall 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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