

**MORGANTOWN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WEST VIRGINIA 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 **Gracie Brown** of **Morgantown High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade West Virginia Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Brown is the fourth Gatorade West Virginia Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Morgantown 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 Brown as West Virginia’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 state’s returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-4 senior forward led the Mohigans to a 17-1-2 record and a second straight Class AAA state championship this past season. Brown scored 26 goals and passed for nine assists, recording eight multi-goal games including four hat tricks. The two-time West Virginia High School Soccer Coaches Association Class AAA Player of the Year—and the younger sister of 2019-20 Gatorade State Girls Soccer Player of the Year Sammie Brown—she concluded her prep soccer career with 69 goals and 45 assists.

Brown has volunteered locally as part of multiple community service initiatives through her school’s Key Club and she has donated her time as a youth soccer coach and mentor. “Gracie Brown is one of the most respectable and hard-working players I’ve ever seen,” said Bri Frontuto, head coach of Morgantown High School. “Gracie’s leadership of her teammates went far beyond the field. Her tenacity on the field is a trait that many opposing teams feared throughout the season.”

Brown has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at Auburn 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.

Two-time winner Brown joins recent Gatorade West Virginia Girls Soccer Players of the Year Samara Nunn (2021-22, Parkersburg South High School), Graceylyn Hanna (2020-21, Wheeling Park High School) and Sammie Brown (2019-20, Morgantown 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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