

JUNEAU-DOUGLAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE ALASKA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 12, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Kai Ciambor** of **Juneau-Douglas High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Alaska Boys Soccer Player of the Year**.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Ciambor as Alaska's best high school boys soccer player, and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Ben Bender (2019-20, Calvert Hall College High School, M.D.) and Ransford Gyan (2022-23 & 2023-24, St. Benedict's Preparatory School, N.J.).

The 5-foot-8, 150-pound senior midfielder scored 16 goals and passed for 12 assists this past season, leading the Crimson Bears (13-2-3) to the Division I state semifinals. The Railbelt Conference Player of the Year, Ciambor led Juneau-Douglas to Division II state championships in 2023 and 2024. He concluded his prep soccer career with 64 goals and 36 assists.

Ciambor has volunteered locally packaging food for the homeless and as part of community-beautification projects. He has also donated his time as a peer tutor and youth soccer coach. "Kai is a player that makes every type of impact on a game," said Damon Crutcher, head coach of West Valley High School. "You can point to his ridiculous foot speed, ball-handling ability or his technical release of the ball. On top of that, Kai has a brilliant in-game IQ."

Ciambor has maintained a 3.82 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at the University of Colorado Colorado Springs this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports – 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.

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 \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade, Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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