

JSERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE CALIFORNIA 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 **Jake Tatch** of **JSerra Catholic High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade California 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 Tatch as California'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-7, 140-pound senior forward led the Lions to both Southern Section Open Division and Southern California Division 1 Regional tournament championships this past season. Tatch scored 23 goals and passed for 15 assists, finding the back of the net once in JSerra Catholic High School's 4-0 win over Loyola High School in the SoCal Regional final. The Orange County Register Player of the Year, he is a two-time Elite Club National League All-American selection for his club team.

Tatch launched a clothing resale business with a teammate through which they ship goods to people in need worldwide. He has volunteered locally by singing to residents at a retirement community and assisted-living facility, and has donated his time to TOPSoccer, which supports intellectually, physically or emotionally challenged youth players. "The player who gave us the most headaches and who we over-prepared for was Jake Tatch," said Chris Sandoval, head coach of Santa Monica High School. "He had us laser-focused and we could not afford to give him any time or space to do what he does best."

Tatch has maintained a weighted 3.62 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at the University of Michigan 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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