## IOLANI SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE HAWAII BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (June 12, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Devin Lee** of **Iolani School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Hawaii 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 Lee as Hawaii'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-9, 148-pound junior midfielder led the Raiders to a 12-0-1 record and the Division I state championship this past season. Lee scored eight goals and passed for eight assists, netting Iolani's lone regulation tally in a 2-1, shootout win over Mililani High School in the state final. The Honolulu Advertiser Player of the Year, he was also named the Most Outstanding Player of the state tournament.

A member of the Iolani Global and Cultural Issues Club, Lee has volunteered locally as part of communitybeautification projects. "Devin is a well-rounded midfielder," said Arian Hoxha, Lee's club coach with Hawaii Rush. "Devin was impactful this year for Iolani and really showed a lot of will to be at the top considering he was coming back from [knee] surgery."

Lee has maintained a B average in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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 studentathletes, visit <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u>. Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.

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