

CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE INDIANA 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 **Calvin Kurzawa** of **Cathedral High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Indiana 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 Kurzawa as Indiana'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 6-foot-0, 165-pound senior forward led the Irish to a 14-4-2 record and the Class 3A Section 10 final this past season. Kurzawa scored 28 goals and passed for 12 assists, accounting for almost 70 percent of her team's goals. He had eight multi-goal games and despite the postseason loss, had the lone Irish assist in regulation and made his penalty in the sectional shootout. Also the Indiana High School Coaches Association's Mr. Soccer honoree, he was a 2024 United Soccer Coaches All-American selection.

Kurzawa has volunteered locally on behalf of the Grace Church food pantry. He has also donated his time as a youth soccer coach in his community and at Camp Cathedral. "Cal is a dynamic, dangerous and natural goal-scoring attacking player with an innate ability to beat multiple defenders and score goals," said Rob Jordan, head coach of Zionsville High School. "Cal's ability to beat defenders in tight spaces and in the open field made him a threat to score any time he had the ball in the offensive half of the field. He's a competitive individual who's driven to be a better player than he was the day before."

Kurzawa has maintained a 3.68 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at the University of Wisconsin 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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