

TEURLINGS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE LOUISIANA 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 **Charlie Mader** of **Teurlings Catholic High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Louisiana 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 Mader as Louisiana'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-1, 175-pound senior forward led the Rebels to a 23-1 record and the Division II state championship this past season. Mader scored 34 goals and passed for 19 assists, scoring eight goals and dishing seven assists in five postseason games. He recorded eight game-winning goals and seven assists on game-winners over the course of the season, giving him goal-involvement in 15 of the team's 23 wins. He also holds the school record for single-season goals with 42, which he accomplished as a junior. A two-time state Offensive Player of the Year, he graduated as a two-time First Team All-State selection.

Mader has volunteered locally with FootNet Food Bank, an organization that seeks to reduce hunger in the Greater Acadiana area. He also donated his time as a youth soccer coach. "Charlie Mader is the most dominating physical and technical talent we have faced in my 20 years as a coach," said Chad Vidrine, head coach of Beau Chene High School. "He can out-pace you, out-physical you, out-technical you, outsmart you and out play you. His size and physical traits make him such a dangerous opponent every time he takes the field."

Mader has maintained a weighted 3.41 GPA in the classroom. He will attend the University of Louisiana at Lafayette 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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