

CAMDEN HILLS REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MAINE 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 **Colby Bennett** of **Camden Hills Regional High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Maine 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 Bennett as Maine'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, 150-pound senior forward led the Windjammers to a 16-1-1 record and the Class A state championship this past season. Bennett scored 20 goals and passed for eight assists on the year. Bennett was the Portland Press-Herald and Class A Player of the Year. He was also a United Soccer Coaches High School All-American selection.

Bennett has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach and referee. "Colby truly embodies the criteria for the Gatorade Player of the Year award," said Dan Gish, head coach of Lewiston High School. "His technical skills on the ball and tactical intelligence in breaking down opposing defenses, especially in the final third, make him a standout player."

Bennett has maintained an A average in the classroom. He will attend the University of New Brunswick in Canada, where he will play soccer, 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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