

LOYOLA BLAKEFIELD SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MARYLAND 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 **Dan Klink** of **Loyola Blakefield School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Maryland 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 Klink as Maryland'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 state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot-3, 185-pound senior midfielder and forward led the Dons to a 17-2-2 record and a second straight Maryland Independent Athletic Association A Conference tournament championship this past season. Klink scored 17 goals and passed for eight assists. He is a two-time Maryland Association of Coaches of Soccer State Player of the Year and was the 2024 United Soccer Coaches National High School Player of the Year.

The founder and president of the Sports Analytics Club at Loyola Blakefield School, Klink has participated in the Arrupe Leaders Summit, which promotes social justice. He has volunteered locally with Beans and Bread and the Francis X. Gallagher Services, while also donating his time with multiple community service initiatives through his church youth group in addition to coaching youth soccer. "Dan has good size, a good work rate, is good with his feet and good in the air," said Mike St. Martin, head coach of Mount St. Joseph High School. "He's the total package."

Klink has maintained a 3.89 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at the University of North Carolina 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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