WASHBURN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MINNESOTA 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 **Ronan Selbo** of **Washburn High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Minnesota 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 Selbo as Minnesota'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-10, 160-pound senior midfielder led the Millers to a 15-1-3 record and the school's first undefeated regular season in over 30 years this past season. Selbo scored 16 goals and passed for 7 assists, carrying Washburn to the Class 3A semifinals. He also excelled defensively for a squad that posted seven shutouts, exemplifying his impact on both sides of the ball. The state's 3A Mr. Soccer honoree, he was also a 2024 United Soccer Coaches All-Region selection.

Selbo has volunteered locally with Feed My Starving Children. He has also donated his time as a volunteer coach at both the Fuller Jamborees and MTA Thunderbolts youth soccer clinics. "Ronan is a player that every coach he faces has to account for at all times, and even then, he has an immeasurable impact on the game," said Alex Curie, head coach of Eastview High School. "He is a field general and is one of those great players who also has the ability to make everyone around him better. He makes the game seem effortless, and is as quick on the ball as he is off the ball. When he gets the smallest window, he capitalizes. The thing that I respect the most about him is that no matter how many goals or assists he had against you, he carries himself with class and shows nothing but respect for his opponents and the opposing coaches."

Selbo has maintained a 3.78 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer on scholarship at the University of St. Thomas 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 student-athletes, 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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