## BAY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MISSISSIPPI BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (June 12, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Aiden Boudro** of **Bay High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Mississippi 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 Boudro as Mississippi'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, 180-pound senior forward led the Tigers to a 15-3 record and a third straight Class 4A state championship this past season. Boudro scored 41 goals and passed for 12 assists, finishing with goal-involvement in 53 of Bay's 59 tallies on the year. The 2025 Sun Herald All-South Mississippi Player of the Year, he was also a 2024 United Soccer Coaches Winter-Spring High School All-South Region selection. He concluded his prep soccer career with 101 goals and 43 assists.

Boudro has volunteered locally as a youth soccer referee and coach. "Aiden has just gotten better and better each year," said Michael Archbold, head coach of Pass Christian High School. "His ability to create something out of nothing is something I haven't seen since playing with or against past Gatorade Player of the Year recipients."

Boudro has maintained an A average in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at Davidson College (N.C.) 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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