

## **CORONADO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEVADA 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 **Gavin Flickinger** of **Coronado High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Nevada 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 Flickinger as Nevada'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, 165-pound junior forward led the Cougars to a 28-0 record and the Class 5A state championship this past season. Flickinger scored 60 goals and passed for 29 assists, both of which were state records. He also netted the game-winning goal as Coronado beat Bishop Gorman High School, 3-0, in the state title game. The Nevada High School Coaches Association's Player of the Year, he is a 2024 United Soccer Coaches All-American selection.

Flickinger has volunteered locally by tutoring peers in math in addition to serving as a youth soccer instructor. He has also participated in multiple community service initiatives in association with the National Honor Society. "Gavin is quite possibly the best player I have ever seen come out of southern Nevada," said David Ostler, head coach of Eldorado High School. "He's an amazing talent, but unlike a lot of players that score—and make no mistake he scores at an alarming rate—he plays within the team concept. He is so unselfish and assists his teammates. That's what makes him so hard to handle; he makes the right play for the team."

Flickinger has maintained a 4.95 weighted GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school 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](https://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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