

**ST. IGNATIUS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OHIO 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 **Marty McLaughlin** of **St. Ignatius High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Ohio 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 McLaughlin as Ohio'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 6-foot-0, 160-pound senior holding midfielder led the Wildcats to a 16-4-2 record and a third straight Division I state championship this past season. McLaughlin scored 12 goals and passed for 10 assists, anchoring a back line that posted 14 clean sheets on the year. Also Ohio's Mr. Soccer honoree, he was a 2024 United Soccer Coaches All-American selection.

McLaughlin has volunteered locally with the West Side Catholic Center, an organization that provides food, clothing, shelter and support to those in need. He has also donated his time as a youth soccer coach. "Marty is the kind of player who elevates everyone around him," said Bob Dougherty, head coach of Bay Village High School. "While many can shine individually, he thrives at the heart of the game, seamlessly transitioning from defense to attack. His ability to control the midfield and drive the team forward is what sets him apart."

McLaughlin has maintained a weighted 4.04 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at Ohio State University 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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