NORMAN NORTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OKLAHOMA 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 **Miguel Madrigal** of **Norman North High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Oklahoma 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 Madrigal as Oklahoma'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-2, 185-pound senior forward and defender led the Timberwolves to a 17-1 record and the Class 6A state championship this past season. Madrigal scored 21 goals and passed for five assists, and was central to an unlikely Norman North High School rally in the state final, blasting home his penalty kick in a shootout against Broken Arrow High School after the Timberwolves rallied from a 3-0 deficit in regulation. A three-year starter at central defender before moving to forward as a senior, he was a 2025 Class 6A First Team All-State selection.

A member of his school's chess, pickleball and Hispanic clubs, Madrigal has volunteered locally as part of multiple community service initiatives with his church congregation. "Miguel was one of those players who you may not notice for 70 minutes and then they have that one moment of brilliance, like all great goal-scorers," said Gordon Drummond, head coach of Norman High School. "I can't see Norman North High School [winning] the state title without Miguel."

Madrigal has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at Rogers State University 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 facebook.com/GatoradePOY and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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