

**BRIARWOOD CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE ALABAMA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 18, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Taylor Leib** of **Briarwood Christian School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Alabama Girls 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 Leib as Alabama's best high school girls soccer player, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Morgan Gautrat (2010-11, Frederica Academy, Ga.), Mallory Swanson (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.), Kennedy Fuller (2022-23 & 2021-22, Southlake Carroll High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-7 senior midfielder led the Lions to a 15-7 record and the Class 6A state championship this past season. Leib scored 38 goals and passed for 12 assists, including eight goals in Briarwood’s five-game postseason run to the state title. A three-time First Team All-State selection, she concluded her prep soccer career with 129 goals and 38 assists.

The president of the Briarwood Christian National Honor Society chapter, Leib served as the school’s Student Government secretary and the treasurer of the Mu Alpha Theta math honor society. She has volunteered locally with a Vacation Bible School and as a youth soccer coach. “Taylor is electric in all ways,” said Dan DeMasters, head coach of Thompson High School and himself the 2003-04 Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Soccer Player of the Year. “At any point in the game, Taylor can take over when she feels fit. She has great vision and understands where to be at all times.”

Leib has maintained a 4.65 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at Clemson 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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