

**HOPKINTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS 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 **Maddie Recupero** of **Hopkinton High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Massachusetts 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 Recupero as Massachusetts' 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-3 senior midfielder scored 28 goals and passed for 15 assists this past season, leading the Hillers (16-2-2) to the Division 1 state tournament round of 16 this past season. The Boston Globe Division 1 Co-Athlete of the Year, Recupero was also the Eastern Mass Girls Soccer Coaches Association's Division 1 Player of the Year. A two-time Tri-Valley League Most Valuable Player, she participated in the High School All-American Game in South Carolina last December.

A practiced pianist, Recupero has volunteered locally with Project Just Because, a non-profit organization that provides food, clothing and emotional support to people in need. She has also donated her time as part of fundraising campaigns to benefit breast and brain cancer research in addition to serving as a youth soccer coach. "Maddie Recupero was one of the best players we've faced in years," said Don Savi, head coach of Dedham High School. "Her speed, especially with the ball at her feet, was impossible to contain. Maddie had a great shot with either foot, but what made her special was her passing ability. The old saying that she makes the players on her team better was 100 percent true with Maddie."

Recupero has maintained a 4.62 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to attend Princeton University, where she will play soccer 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](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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