## WAYZATA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MINNESOTA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (June 18, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Tenley Senden** of **Wayzata High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Minnesota 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 Senden as Minnesota'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-6 senior forward led the Trojans to a 16-1-1 record and the Class 3A state championship this past season. Senden scored 27 goals and passed for 16 assists, netting two goals, including the game-winner, as Wayzata beat Edina High School, 3-1, in the state title game. She is a 2024 United Soccer Coaches All-American selection.

Senden has volunteered locally with Feed My Starving Children. She has also donated her time as a mentor for underclassmen at her school. "Tenley is the total package," said Aaron Percy, head coach of Washburn High School. "She has speed and quickness to get wherever she wants, the ability to play a dangerous ball with both feet and she sees the field faster than other players, which gives her such an advantage. Clearly, Wayzata was loaded with talent, but she still stood out each time we played them."

Senden has maintained a 3.84 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at the University of Minnesota 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 studentathletes, visit <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u>, Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.

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