## JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OREGON 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 **Sophia Stiles** of **Jesuit High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Oregon 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 Stiles as Oregon'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-11 senior defender led the Crusaders to a 19-1 record and the Class 6A state championship this past season. Stiles led a stalwart defense that produced 14 shutouts in 20 games and surrendered just one goal in the team's postseason run. The Crusaders posted 10 shutouts in a row during the season and allowed only 10 goals on the year. Stiles participated and earned MVP honors in the High School All-American Game last December. She was also named a 2024 United Soccer Coaches All-American.

Stiles has volunteered locally with the Oregon Humane Society. She has also donated her time by helping elementary school students in a social and emotional support classroom. "Stiles is an easily noticeable standout," said Madison Gellos, head coach of West Linn High School. "She's the best player on their team. She's a dynamic center back who is a great defender, but also threatening on offense."

Stiles has maintained a 3.70 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at Rutgers 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 <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.

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