NESHAMINY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE PENNSYLVANIA 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 **Kylie Maxwell** of **Neshaminy High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Pennsylvania 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 Maxwell as Pennsylvania'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-9 senior forward led the Redskins to a 17-4 record and the second round of district playoffs this past season. Maxwell scored 38 goals and passed for 15 assists, breaking the school's single-season scoring record. She had multi-goal games in 15 of her 20 starts, six of which featured hat tricks. The Southeastern Pennsylvania Player of the Year, she is a member of U-17 and U-19 US youth national team pools as well as a 2024 United Soccer Coaches All-Region selection.

Maxwell has volunteered locally as part of multiple community service initiatives in association with the National Honor Society. "Kylie is an absolute nightmare to game-plan for," said Nick Heim, head coach of Council Rock South High School. "She is insanely fast and physical, and her ability to get quick shots off along with the percentage of time she puts the ball on frame is unlike anything I've seen in my 15 years coaching against really good talent in this state. She can play with her back to goal or go after you one-one-on. And if you double her, she will make you pay with her passing ability. She truly is a unique talent."

Maxwell has maintained a 3.94 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at Wake Forest 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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