URSULINE ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE TEXAS 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 **Audrey Bryant** of **Ursuline Academy** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Texas 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 Bryant as Texas' 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-4 senior forward and midfielder led the Bears to a 23-2-1 record and a third straight Texas Association of Private and Parochial Schools Division I state championship this past season. Bryant scored 43 goals and passed for 21 assists, netting 10 goals and recording two assists in Ursuline Academy's four-game postseason run to the title. The Dallas Morning News Player of the Year, Bryant is ranked as the nation's No. 53 recruit in the Class of 2025 by TopDrawerSoccer.com. She concluded her prep soccer career with a school-record 147 goals.

Bryant has volunteered locally at an eldercare facility and with Operation Kindness, a non-profit animal shelter. She has also donated her time to multiple community service initiatives through both the National Charity League and her church congregation. "Audrey is a special player," said Jeremy Morse, head coach of John Paul II High School. "She was the clutch difference-maker that every state championship team needs. Her touch, vision and shooting prowess were all college-level."

Bryant has maintained a 3.41 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at the University of Texas 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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