WOODINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WASHINGTON 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 **Ally Laccinole** of **Woodinville High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Washington 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 Laccinole as Washington'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-10 senior defender anchored a defense that recorded 12 shutouts, leading the Falcons (17-3-3) to the Class 4A state championship game this past season. Laccinole also contributed five goals and four assists from her center back position. A two-time King County Conference Defensive Player of the Year, she was a United Soccer Coaches High School All-American selection and participated in the High School All-American Game in South Carolina last December.

Laccinole has volunteered locally at an eldercare facility and has also donated her time as a youth soccer coach. "I really liked what Ally brought to their team," said Don Braman, head coach of Skyline High School. "She was consistently the best defender on the field in every game. Quality teams are built around a strong [defensive] foundation. Ally is the absolute best."

Laccinole has maintained a 3.92 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at the University of Oklahoma 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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