



Bryan Silver Wins Gatorade Player of the Year, Donates Prize to TOPSoccer Program

LEESBURG (June 2018) – Loudoun Soccer 99B Red standout and Oakton High School student Bryan Silver has been awarded the Gatorade Boys Soccer Player of the Year for Virginia. The University of Notre Dame commit has chosen Loudoun Soccer's TOPSoccer special needs soccer outreach program as the recipient of the \$1,000 grant included as part of the Gatorade's Play It Forward program.

Gatorade's Player of the Year award recognizes both athletic excellence and outstanding academic achievement, in addition to emphasizing the importance of exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field. Silver, who maintained a weighted 4.35 GPA at Oakton High School, joins an esteemed class of award winners, such as Abby Wambach and Alexi Lalas, and is rated as the nation's No. 107 recruit in the Class of 2018 by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

Silver has donated his time to several community service initiatives, exemplifying Loudoun Soccer's commitment to character development off the field. It is therefore with great appreciation that the club accepts Silver's \$1,000 grant to the TOPSoccer program, run by Daryn Patricio. "Our TOPSoccer program is a huge part of our community and having Bryan graciously help out the program illustrates that," Patricio said. "Bryan's donation to the program will go a long way to improving our efforts to grow our TOPS team. Our entire TOPS team wishes Bryan all the best as he continues his journey at Notre Dame."

TOPSoccer (The Outreach Program for Soccer) is a United States Youth Soccer Association (USYSA) program for players with special needs and has been proudly offered by Loudoun Soccer since the fall 2003 season. The program provides individuals with the opportunity to learn and play soccer in a safe, nurturing, and self-empowering environment with the goal of allowing these young athletes to grow and develop through sport.

On his choice of TOPSoccer as the grant recipient, Bryan said: "From humble beginnings as an innocent but ferocious 12-year-old, Loudoun has shaped me into both the player I am and the man I'm becoming. And besides providing thousands of players and families the ability to enjoy the beautiful game, the club also looks to be actively charitable in the community through programs like TOPSoccer. Upon arrival to one of the TOPSoccer sessions, you immediately sense the altruism of the club, families, and players. There is a natural inclination to be kind to those who are less fortunate. This defines Loudoun Soccer Club and their TOPSoccer program and it is the reason why I am so proud to #RepTheRed."

The six-foot senior midfielder scored seven goals and passed for seven assists through 18 games with Oakton High School and has enjoyed great success with Loudoun 99B Red, winning the State Cup in the fall 2017 season. Loudoun Soccer Technical Director Mark Ryan described Bryan as "an outstanding soccer player, an excellent student, and a fine young man," who "has always represented himself, his family and Loudoun Soccer Club at the highest possible standard. This donation to the Loudoun Soccer TOPSoccer program is an outstanding gesture and it will leave a legacy for these players."



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Loudoun Soccer would like to thank Bryan for his exceptional contribution to the TOPSoccer program and congratulate him for this outstanding award. Read Gatorade's press release [here](#). To learn more about our TOPSoccer program and to keep up to date with the use of the grant, visit: <http://www.loudounsoccer.com/topsoccer/>



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