JACKSON HOLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WYOMING 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 **Ruby Hoelscher** of **Jackson Hole High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Wyoming 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 Hoelscher as Wyoming'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-6 sophomore attacking midfielder led the Broncs (17-3) to the Class 4A state title game this past season, scoring 31 goals and passing for 17 assists. The state's returning Gatorade State Girls Soccer Player of the Year, Hoelscher scored six goals and recorded two assists in Jackson Hole High School's final three state tournament games. A two-time First Team All-State selection, she is already the school record-holder for goals.

A member of her school's varsity ski team, Hoelscher has donated her time tutoring Spanish-speaking peers who are English Language Learners in addition to tutoring in math, science and social studies. A member of her school's literary magazine staff, she has volunteered locally as a youth soccer coach. She also holds down a summer job with Bistro Catering in Jackson. "Ruby's commitment to discipline, competition and sportsmanship standards often exceed those around her," said Eric Simmondsen, a director for the Boise Timbers/Thorns club team. "A team player who works relentlessly on and off the ball while also scoring goals and providing assists, Ruby works equally as hard in the defensive third."

Hoelscher has maintained a 4.15 weighted GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior year of high school 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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