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GLACIER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MONTANA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 18, 2018) — In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced **Cadie Williams of Glacier High School** as its **2017-18 Gatorade Montana Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Williams is the first Gatorade Montana Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Glacier High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Williams as Montana's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Williams joins an elite alumni association of past state soccer award-winners, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel HS, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick HS, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-05, Blue Valley West HS, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire HS, Mass.) and Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista HS, Colo.).

The 5-foot-4 senior forward scored 33 goals and passed for 14 assists this past season, leading the Wolfpack (12-5-1) to the Class AA state quarterfinals. Williams tallied seven hat tricks and scored at least once in 15 of 18 games. The Class AA Western Player of the Year, Williams is a two-time First Team All-State selection. She concluded her prep soccer career with 58 goals and 31 assists.

A four-year member of Glacier's Wolfpack Leadership Club, Williams has volunteered locally as a peer mentor and youth soccer coach. "Cadie creates and converts opportunities with precision and efficiency," said Lindsey Gilstrap, head coach of Capital High. "She is an impact player that can dictate the outcome of a game."

Williams has maintained a 3.85 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at the Montana State University beginning this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school 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 work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Williams joins recent Gatorade Montana Girls Soccer Players of the Year Alexa Coyle (2016-17, Bozeman High School), Brittany Delridge (2015-16, Sentinel High School), Averie Collins (2014-15, Bozeman High School), Maddy Emerick (2013-14, Billings Senior High School), Rachel Koehler (2012-13, Billings Senior High School), Savannah Witt (2011-12, Billings West High School), Jackie Elliott (2010-11, Billings Central Catholic High School), Tess Hagenlock (2009-10, Bozeman High School), Lauren Hickok (2008-09, Bozeman High School), Meghan O'Connell (2007-08, Flathead High School), and Kirsten Tilleman (2006-07, Bozeman High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Williams will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants – one for each sport – will be announced throughout the year.

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