

THUNDER BASIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WYOMING GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 13, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Grace Roswadowski of Thunder Basin High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Wyoming Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Roswadowski is the first Gatorade Wyoming Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Thunder Basin 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 Roswadowski as Wyoming'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, Roswadowski joins an elite alumni association of past state soccer award-winners, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook High School, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel High School, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School for Young Women, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick High School, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-05, Blue Valley West High School, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire High School, Mass.) and Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.).

The 5-foot-3 senior midfielder and forward scored 34 goals and passed for 24 assists this past season, leading the Bolts (16-4) to the Class 4A state championship. Roswadowski is a four-time First Team All-State and All-Conference selection.

A student ambassador in her school, Roswadowski has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, youth soccer programs and an elementary school reading initiative. "Grace Roswadowski can be a game-changer," said Stephanie Stuber, head coach at Campbell County High. "She has a killer instinct and the courage to make tough, spur-of-the-moment decisions that often make the difference between winning and losing. If she wants to score, she's going to find a way."

Roswadowski has maintained a 4.16 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of North Dakota 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. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Roswadowski joins recent Gatorade Wyoming Girls Soccer Players of the Year Lexi Pulley (2017-18 & 2016-17, Laramie High School), Robbi Ryan (2015-16, Sheridan High School), Abby Morillon (2014-15, Cheyenne East High School) and Rachel Erickson (2013-14, Cheyenne East High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Roswadowski also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of her choosing. She is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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