

**ROCK SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE WYOMING GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 17, 2020) — In its 35<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Alyssa Bedard of Rock Springs High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Wyoming Girls Soccer Player of the Year. Bedard is the first Gatorade Wyoming Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Rock Springs 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 Bedard 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, Bedard joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, 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 of 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-5 senior forward and midfielder concluded her prep career with 86 goals and 36 assists, both school records. A three-time All-State selection, Bedard scored 34 goals and passed for 16 assists in 2019, leading the Tigers (20-1) to third place in the Class 4A state tournament. She is also a three-time All-Conference honoree.

Vice President of the Student Council and an indoor track standout, Bedard has volunteered locally on behalf of the Make-a-Wish Foundation, blood-donation drives, nursing homes and youth soccer programs. "Alyssa is a phenomenal player and a gifted athlete," said Rock Springs High School coach Stephen Pyer. "What makes her so great is her speed, footwork and knowledge of the game. She's a complete game-changer."

Bedard has maintained a 4.22 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer at the University of Wyoming.

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.

Bedard joins recent Gatorade Wyoming Girls Soccer Players of the Year Grace Roswadowski (2018-19, Thunder Basin High School), 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.

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](http://www.Gatorade.com/POY), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY](http://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Gatorade](http://www.twitter.com/Gatorade).