

**BISMARCK CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 9, 2022) — In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Logan Nissley** of **Bismarck Century High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade North Dakota Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Nissley is the third Gatorade North Dakota Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bismarck Century 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 court, distinguishes Nissley as North Dakota's best high school girls basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Nissley joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Skylar Diggins-Smith (2008-09, Washington High School, Ind.), Nneka Ogwumike (2007-08, CyFair High School, Texas), Maya Moore (2006-07, Collins Hill High School, Ga.), Candace Parker (2002-03 & 2003-04, Naperville Central High School, Ill.), and Lisa Leslie (1989-90, Morningside High School, Calif.).

The state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot junior guard had led the Patriots to a 21-0 record and a berth in the Class A West Region semifinals at the time of her selection. Nissley averaged 21.6 points, 8.0 rebounds, 3.7 steals and 2.0 assists per game during the regular season. Also the 2021-22 North Dakota Gatorade Volleyball Player of the Year, Nissley connected on 47 percent of her 3-pointers and 76.6 percent of her free throws through 21 games. She helped Century finish off a perfect regular season with a 34-point, 11-rebound effort in a 78-64 win over Minot High.

Nissley has volunteered on behalf of senior living facilities and as both a youth basketball coach and camp counselor. She has also donated her time to multiple community service initiatives through her church youth group. "Logan Nissley is easily the best high school girls basketball player in the state of North Dakota," said Jim Petrik, head coach of Legacy High School. "She can score from anywhere and is the toughest guard we go up against. If I could pick one kid to build a team around, it would be her."

Nissley has maintained a weighted GPA of 3.97 in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Two-time winner Nissley joins recent Gatorade North Dakota Girls Basketball Players of the Year Abby Duchscherer (2019-20, Kindred High School), and Lauren Ware (2018-19 & 2017-18, Century High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Gatorade has a long-standing history of serving athlete communities and understands how sports instill valuable lifelong skills on and off the court. Through Gatorade's "Play it Forward" platform, Nissley has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national organization of their choosing that helps young athletes realize the benefits of playing sports. Nissley is also eligible to submit a short video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

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 playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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