

**WILSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OREGON GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June, 23, 2022) — In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Lindsey Antonson** of **Wilsonville High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Antonson is the first Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Wilsonville 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 Antonson as Oregon'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, Antonson 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 led the Wildcats to an 18-0-1 record and the Class 5A state championship this past season. Antonson scored 52 goals and passed for nine assists, recording a hat trick in Wilsonville's 4-2 win over La Salle Prep in the state final. That scoring explosion capped a 13-goal outburst by Antonson in the course of four postseason matches. A two-time Class 5A Player of the Year, she is also a three-time First Team All-State selection and concluded her prep soccer career with a state-record 139 goals.

Antonson has volunteered locally making blankets for patients at Doernbecher Children's Hospital, and she has donated her time as a youth soccer coach. "Lindsey is a pure goal-scorer," said Andy Frazier, head coach of La Salle Catholic College Preparatory. "She has a nose for the goal. If she has the ball within 20 yards of the frame, odds are not in the opposing team's favor. Even if you figure out how to guard her, as soon as you make a defensive mistake she will capitalize on it."

Antonson has maintained a weighted 4.13 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at Oregon State University 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.

Antonson joins recent Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Players of the Year Abi Hoffman (2020-21, Barlow High School), Callan Harrington (2019-20, Jesuit High School), Nedyia Sawan (2018-19, Mountainside High School), and Sydney Collins (2017-18, Jesuit 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 field. Through Gatorade's "Play it Forward" platform, Antonson 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. Antonson 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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