

**BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (January 13, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Lindsey Healey** of **Bedford High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade New Hampshire Volleyball Player of the Year**. Healey is the second Gatorade New Hampshire Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bedford 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 Healey as New Hampshire's best high school volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award to be announced in January, Healey joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners, including Lexi Sun (2016-17, Santa Fe Christian School, Calif.), Jordan Larson (2004-05, Logan View High School, Neb.), Foluke Akinradewo (2004-05, St. Thomas High School, Fla.) and April Ross (1999-00, Newport Harbor High School, Calif.).

The 5-foot-11 junior outside hitter led the Bulldogs (21-0) to their third consecutive Division I state championship this past season. Healey recorded 352 kills, 148 digs, 36 blocks and 36 aces, posting a .567 kill percentage on the attack. An All-State selection, she has led Bedford to two consecutive undefeated seasons, back-to-back state titles and a 50-match win streak.

Healey has volunteered locally by founding the Fueled by Kids Club, a nonprofit that donates food to children in need, and has held a variety of positions in the National Charity League, a nonprofit for mothers and daughters. "There were many times this season where Lindsey was the backbone of our game," said Bedford High School coach Anna McGann. "She defines what it means to lift up others who are having a bad game and, at times, she carried the weight of our team, allowing us to be successful in key moments."

Healey has maintained a 4.31 weighted GPA 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.

Healey joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Volleyball Players of the Year Caleigh O'Connell (2021-22 & 2020-21, Bedford High School), Kara Kelliher (2019-20, Nashua South High School), and Leah Creteau (2018-19, Spaulding High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade's Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade's social impact partners, supporting Gatorade's ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).

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