

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

CHICAGO (January 13, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Logan Nissley** of **Bismarck Century High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade North Dakota Volleyball Player of the Year**. Nissley is the third Gatorade North Dakota Volleyball 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 volleyball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Volleyball Player of the Year award to be announced in January, Nissley 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 6-foot senior outside hitter led the Patriots (29-2) to a North Dakota Class A state final appearance this past season. Nissley recorded 336 kills and amassed 507 digs to go with 61 aces, 55 blocks and 17 assists. Also the 2021-22 North Dakota Volleyball Gatorade Player of the Year, she concluded her prep career with 1,000 career kills and digs.

Nissley has volunteered locally as a peer-to-peer mentor working with students with special needs, and is also a member of the National Honor Society. "Logan is Century's go-to player," said Dickinson High School coach Jay Schobinger. "She hits effectively in all three front row positions and is a solid back row player. One can tell by watching her team play that Logan is the leader and the one her teammates look to for leadership and guidance."

Nissley has maintained a 4.03 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Nebraska 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 Volleyball Players of the Year Julia Fitterer (2020-21, Bismarck Century High School), Kameron Selvig (2019-20, Jamestown High School), and Lauren Ware (2018-19, Bismarck Century 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.

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