BISHOP HARTLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OHIO 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 **Eloise Brandewie** of **Bishop Hartley High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Ohio Volleyball Player of the Year**. Brandewie is the first Gatorade Ohio Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Hartley 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 Brandewie as Ohio'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, Brandewie 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-3 senior middle hitter recorded 310 kills and 108 blocks this past season, leading the Hawks (26-2) to the Division II regional championship match. Brandewie also compiled 69 digs and 23 service aces on the year, posting a .611 kill percentage and a .536 hitting percentage on the attack. A First Team All-American selection by both MaxPreps and PrepVolleyball.com, she concluded her prep volleyball career with 924 kills and 280 blocks.

Brandewie has volunteered locally with Morgan's Message, a club that discusses mental health issues for athletes. She has also donated her time as a youth basketball coach. "You can see what Eloise brings from the moment she steps foot on the court to warm up, to the pregame talking to the team to the postgame team conversations she has with her teammates," said Danny Coughlin, head coach of Gilmour Academy. "She will go the extra mile."

Brandewie has maintained a 3.68 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at the Ohio State University this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Brandewie joins recent Gatorade Ohio Volleyball Players of the Year Kathryn Randorf (2021-22 & 2020-21, Gilmour Academy), Emily Londot (2019-20, Utica High School), and Riley Wagoner (2018-19, Dublin Coffman 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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