BOUNTIFUL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE UTAH 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 **Jordyn Harvey** of **Bountiful High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Utah Volleyball Player of the Year**. Harvey is the first Gatorade Utah Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bountiful 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 Harvey as Utah'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, Harvey 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 RedHawks to a 29-2 record and third-place finish in the 5A state tournament this past season. She recorded double-digit kills in all but four matches, including 39 in the final match of the season, en route to compiling 480 kills (4.9 kills per set) in 2022. She also tallied 270 digs, 46 aces and 22 blocks.

Harvey has volunteered locally collecting items and passing out "Cold Weather Care Packages" for the homeless community in Salt Lake City. She also has donated her time with Athletes 4 Change, a club she founded at Bountiful High with the goal of improving the community through service and mentorship. "Jordan is a once-in-a-generation player," said Northridge High School head coach Mitchell Stevens. "Her athleticism is elite and she can score from anywhere on the court. She has excellent range and an exceptional tool kit of shots that she uses to score in system and out of system, front row and back."

Harvey has maintained a 3.86 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play volleyball on scholarship at Stanford 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.

Harvey joins recent Gatorade Utah Volleyball Players of the Year Maggie Mendelson (2021-22, Fremont High School), Lauren Jardine (2020-21, Lone Peak High School), Abbie Miller (2019-20, Pleasant Grove High School), and Tasia Farmer (2018-19, Lone Peak 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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