## ELKHORN NORTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEBRASKA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (March 8, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Britt Prince** of **Elkhorn North High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Nebraska Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Prince is the first Gatorade Nebraska Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Elkhorn North 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 Prince as Nebraska's best high school girls basketball player. Prince joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Kiki Rice (2021-22, Sidwell Friends School, Washington, D.C.), Paige Bueckers (2019-20, Hopkins High School, Minn.), Nneka Ogwumike (2007-08, CyFair High School, Texas), and Candace Parker (2003-04 & 2002-03, Naperville Central High School, Ill.).

At the time of her selection, the 5-foot-11 junior point guard had led the Wolves to a 23-1 record and a berth in the Class B state semifinals. Prince averaged 23.8 points, 8.9 rebounds, 6.4 assists and 3.5 steals per game and had scored 1,734 points in her prep basketball career. A two-time First Team All-State selection, she's ranked as the nation's No. 10 recruit in the Class of 2024 by ESPN.com.

Prince has volunteered locally at the YMCA of Greater Omaha. She has also donated her time as a peer math tutor and youth basketball coach. "Britt is the real deal and extremely tough to stop," said Linda Walker, head coach of Gross Catholic High School. "Her speed, skill, finesse, decision-making and rebounding as a point guard are incredible and she really sets a positive tone for her team. Believe me, it's not fun to be the opponent."

Prince has maintained a 3.92 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school 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.

Prince joins recent Gatorade Nebraska Girls Basketball Players of the Year Taylor McCabe (2021-22, Fremont High School), Alexis Markowski (2020-21, Pius X High School), Morgan Maly (2019-20, Crete High School), and Jayme Horan (2018-19, Millard South 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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