CLACKAMAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OREGON GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 8, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Jazzy Davidson of Clackamas High School is the 2022-23 Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Davidson is the second Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Clackamas 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 Davidson as Oregon's best high school girls basketball player. Davidson 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 6-foot-1 sophomore guard and forward had led the Cavaliers to a 21-5 record and a berth in the Class 6A state tournament's second round. The state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, Davidson averaged 22.8 points, 7.1 rebounds, 2.6 steals, 2.3 assists and 1.3 blocks per game through 25 games. She's ranked as the nation's No. 1 prospect in the Class of 2025 by both ESPN and Prospects Nation. Along with being a member of the USA Basketball Women's U17 National Team for the FIBA 3-on-3 Trials, she was an Under Armour Next Elite 24 participant.

Davidson is a member of the Clackamas High Athletic Leadership Council, and she has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach with Northwest Select. "Our entire team has been familiar with how talented she is having played travel ball against her for several years, so she certainly has a great reputation in the sport," said Kerwin Walters, head coach of Sage Hill High School. "But you can only appreciate how good she is after watching her and having to coach against her in person."

Davidson has maintained a 3.78 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior 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.

Two-time winner Davidson joins recent Gatorade Oregon Girls Basketball Players of the Year Aaronette Vonleh (2020-21, West Linn High School), McKelle Meek (2019-20, Southridge High School), and Cameron Brink (2018-19, Southridge 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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