## NOBLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE INDIANA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (June 23, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Ava Bramblett** of **Noblesville High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Bramblett is the second Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Noblesville 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 field, distinguishes Bramblett as Indiana's best high school girls soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Bramblett joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alyssa Thompson (2020-21, Harvard-Westlake School, Calif.), Mallory Swanson (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.), Heather O'Reilly (2002-03 & 2001-02, East Brunswick High School, N.J.) and Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School of Young Women, N.Y.).

The 5-foot-11 senior midfielder and forward led the Millers to a 20-1 record and the Class 3A state championship this past season. Bramblett scored 17 goals and passed for seven assists, recording the lone tally in Noblesville High Schools's 1-0 win over Carmel High School in the state final. Also the Indiana Soccer Coaches Association Player of the Year, Bramblett participated in the High School All-American Game in December. She is ranked as the nation's No. 54 recruit in the Class of 2024 by PrepSoccer.com.

Bramblett organized a service project through Serve Noblesville to renovate local youth soccer fields. She has also volunteered as part of multiple fundraising campaigns to benefit breast cancer research through the Megan S. Ott Foundation, and she has donated her time as a youth soccer and basketball coach. "Noblesville would not be the state champion without Ava," said Frank Dixon, head coach of Carmel High School. "Although she had a great team around her, Ava was the straw that stirred the drink. She is a total team player."

Bramblett has maintained a weighted 4.27 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer 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.

Bramblett joins recent Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Players of the Year Amelia White (2021-22, Homestead High School), Quincy McMahon (2020-21, Guerin Catholic High School), Addie Chester (2019-20, Delta High School), and Emily Speidel (2018-19, Carmel 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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