

**MINOT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 23, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Emerson Perrin** of **Minot High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade North Dakota Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Perrin is the fourth Gatorade North Dakota Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Minot 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 Perrin as North Dakota'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, Perrin 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-5 junior midfielder led the Magicians to a 17-0-1 record and a third straight state championship this past season. Perrin scored 27 goals and passed for 14 assists, including a goal in Minot's 4-1 win over Davies High School in the state title game. A three-time First Team All-State selection, Perrin is a member of the U.S. Youth Soccer Midwest Region Olympic Development Program team. She concluded her junior year with 51 goals and 44 assists in her prep soccer career.

A member of the Minot High School student council, Perrin has volunteered locally on behalf of community projects and at a STEM night for elementary school students. She has also donated her time as a youth soccer coach and referee. "Emerson can do things with her feet that are unbelievable and just leave me speechless," said Matt Pfau, head coach of Minot High School. "She's always at the soccer field getting better on her own, knowing that it will help the team if she improves her game."

Perrin has maintained a weighted 4.12 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) 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.

Perrin joins recent Gatorade North Dakota Girls Soccer Players of the Year MaLiah Burke (2021-20 & 2020-21, Minot High School), Elle Hill (2019-20, Bismarck High School), and Allison Lepp (2018-19, Minot 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.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.