

**SUNSET HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OREGON 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 **Ellie Felt** of **Sunset High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Felt is the second Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Sunset 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 Felt as Oregon'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, Felt 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-6 junior midfielder and forward scored 24 goals and passed for six assists this past season, leading the Apollos (13-2-2) to the Class 6A state quarterfinals. The Class 6A co-Player of the Year, Felt was also the Player of the Year in the highly competitive Metro League. She's ranked as the nation's No. 115 recruit in the Class of 2024 by TopDrawerSoccer.com.

Felt has volunteered locally collecting and packaging soccer equipment for delivery to children in need in Brazil. She has also donated her time as a youth soccer coach. "Ellie was always the most dangerous player on the field," said Foday Kabba, head coach of Lake Oswego High School. "She impacted every game with goals and assists regardless of how you game-planned against her. She is incredibly technical, understands the game, works hard and is a team player."

Felt has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play soccer on scholarship at Oregon State University beginning in the fall of 2024.

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.

Felt joins recent Gatorade Oregon Girls Soccer Players of the Year Lindsey Antonson (2021-22, Wilsonville High School), Abi Hoffman (2020-21, Barlow High School), Callan Harrington (2019-20, Jesuit High School), and Nedyia Sawan (2018-19, Mountainside 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.

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