CODY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WYOMING 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 **Ally Boysen** of **Cody High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Wyoming Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Boysen is the second Gatorade Wyoming Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Cody 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 Boysen as Wyoming'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, Boysen 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 forward led the Fillies to an undefeated season (17-0) and the 3A state championship this past season. Boysen scored 48 goals and added 12 assists, earning 3A First-Team All-State for the third straight year. This marked the first time she received the honor as a forward after being selected as a defender the previous two seasons.

A National Honor Society member, Boysen has volunteered locally as the Vice President of Cody CAN (Changing Attitudes Now), a non-profit organization dedicated to keeping students away from drugs and alcohol. She also has donated her time as a youth basketball coach for the past four years. "She has the ability to control the midfield, connect through the thirds and attack and score from the midfield as well," said Mountain View High School Xead coach Jessica Moretti. "Ally is skillful as well as a very technical player. She's the one player that we played against in the state that can score when her team really needs a goal. It almost seems as if it's on demand."

Boysen has maintained a 3.9 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play soccer on scholarship at the University of Wyoming 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.

Boysen joins recent Gatorade Wyoming Girls Soccer Players of the Year Cena Carlson (2021-22, Thunder Basin High School), Emily Taucher (2020-21, Rock Springs High School), Alyssa Bedard (2019-20, Rock Springs High School), and Grace Roswadovski (2018-19, Thunder Basin 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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