ELKHORN NORTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEBRASKA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 14, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Britt Prince** of **Elkhorn North High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Nebraska Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Prince is the first Gatorade Nebraska Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Elkhorn North High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the court, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Prince as Nebraska's best high school girls basketball player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Candace Parker (2003-04, 2002-03 & 2001-02, Naperville Central High School, Ill.), Paige Bueckers (2017-18, Hopkins High School, Minn.) and Juju Watkins (2022-23 & 2021-22, Sierra Canyon School, Calif.).

The state's returning Gatorade State Player of the Year, the 5-foot-11 senior point guard led the Wolves to a 25-1 record and a fourth-straight Class B state championship this past season. Prince averaged 27.0 points, 10.3 rebounds, 6.3 assists and 2.9 steals, and tallied 17 points and 12 rebounds in Elkhorn North's 49-47 win over Skutt Catholic High in the state final. A two-time Super-State First Team selection, she was a member of the 2024 Naismith Trophy Midseason Team and is ranked as the nation's No. 16 recruit in the Class of 2024 by Prospects Nation.

Prince has volunteered locally at the YMCA of Greater Omaha, and she has donated her time as a peer math tutor and youth basketball coach. "Britt clearly has the stats to show how great of a player she is," said John O'Connor, head coach of Bennington High. "However, I think one of her biggest strengths is how she makes her teammates around her that much better. She is always a step ahead of what is happening on the court during a game."

Prince has maintained a weighted 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Nebraska 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 Prince joins recent Gatorade Nebraska Girls Basketball Players of the Year Taylor McCabe (2021-22, Fremont High School), Alexis Markowski (2020-21, Lincoln Pius X Catholic High School) and Morgan Maly (2019-20, Crete High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$4.9 million across more than 1,600 organizations.

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.