NOBLESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATOR ADE INDIANA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 20, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Meredith Tippner** of **Noblesville High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year**. Tippner is the third Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Noblesville High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Tippner as Indiana's best high school girls soccer 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 Aly Wagner (1997-98, Presentation High School, Calif.), Mallory Swanson (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.) and Kennedy Fuller (2022-23 & 2021-22, Southlake Carroll High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-10 junior forward led the Millers to a 17-1-3 record and a second straight Class 3A state championship this past season. Tippner scored 23 goals and passed for seven assists, netting a goal and recording two assists in Noblesville's 3-1 win over Bloomington South High in the state final. A United Soccer Coaches High School All-American selection, she was an Indiana Soccer Coaches Association First Team All-State honoree.

Tippner has volunteered locally with the Humane Society for Hamilton County and she has donated her time to multiple community service initiatives through her school's Key Club as well as the National Honor Society. "Meredith is the reason they won the state title again," said Harold Spooner, head coach of Fishers High School. "She took her game to a different level that opposing teams were unable to match. Throughout the tournament, she proved again and again that she was the best player in the state."

Tippner has maintained a weighted 4.27 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school 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.

Tippner joins recent Gatorade Indiana Girls Soccer Players of the Year Ava Bramblett (2022-23, Noblesville High School), Amelia White (2021-22, Homestead High School), Quincy McMahon (2020-21, Guerin Catholic High School) and Addie Chester (2019-20, Delta 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, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 organizations.

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