RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE INDIANA VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 9, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Logan Bell** of **Roncalli High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Indiana Volleyball Player of the Year**. Bell is the second Gatorade Indiana Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Roncalli High School.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the court, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Bell as Indiana's best high school volleyball player, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as April Ross (1999-00, Newport Harbor High School, Ca.), Kerri Walsh Jennings (1995-96, Archbishop Mitty High School, Ca.) and Ayden Ames (2023-24, Prosper High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-11 senior outside hitter led the Royals to a 35-0 record and the Class 3A state championship this past season. Bell recorded 333 kills and 252 digs including a 14-kill, 13-dig effort in Roncalli's 3-0 win over Angola High School in the state final. She also compiled 63 service aces, 50 assists and 26 blocks while posting a .449 kill percentage at net. A libero on the Under-19 Women's National Team, Bell is a two-time First Team All-State selection. She concluded her prep volleyball career with 1,280 kills and 1,131 digs.

Bell has volunteered locally on behalf of a nonprofit food pantry and by teaching children with disabilities to ride a conventional two-wheel bicycle. She has also donated her time as a youth volleyball coach. "Without Logan, Roncalli High School would have been good but not nearly as dominant," said Scott McQueen, head coach of Avon High School. "She was the best passer, best defender and best overall option on that team and made them significantly better."

Bell has maintained a weighted 3.98 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play volleyball at the University of Oregon this fall.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports – 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.

Bell joins recent Gatorade Indiana Volleyball Players of the Year Lauren Harden (2023-24, Hamilton Southeastern High School), Chloe Chicoine (2022-23 & 2021-22, McCutcheon High School) and Ali Hornung (2020-21, Our Lady of Providence 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 \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 organizations.

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