

**GALLATIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MONTANA 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 **Cadence Lundgren** of **Gallatin High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Montana Volleyball Player of the Year**. Lundgren is the first Gatorade Montana Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Gallatin 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 Lundgren as Montana’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 6-foot-4 senior middle blocker recorded 270 kills and 144 blocks this past season, leading the Raptors (28-2) to the Class AA state title. Lundgren compiled a .496 kill percentage and .326 hitting percentage at net and added 51 digs along with 49 service aces on the year. A two-time First Team All-State selection, she concluded her prep career with more than 900 kills and better than 400 blocks.

An active member of student leadership at her school, Lundgren has volunteered locally at Bozeman Deaconess Hospital and on behalf of a Unified PE program that serves special needs children. She has also donated her time as a tour guide at Gallatin High School and as a youth volleyball coach. “Cadence’s length and athleticism cause problems for opponents,” said Lindsey Day, head coach at Helena High School. “She’s a force at the net. Teams struggled to limit her kills. She’s a smart competitor and has a composed presence on the court.”

Lundgren has maintained a weighted 3.92 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play volleyball at Kansas State University 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.

Lundgren joins recent Gatorade Montana Volleyball Players of the Year Addie Allen (2023-24, Billings West High School), Rylee Kogolshak (2022-23, Billings Senior High School), Tennesen Hiller (2021-22, C.M. Russell High School) and Audrey Hofer (2020-21, Capital 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 playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.