## LANDER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WYOMING GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 24, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Adelyn Anderson of Lander Valley High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Wyoming Girls Track & Field Player of the Year.

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 field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Anderson as Wyoming's best high school girls track & field athlete, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Sanya Richards (2001-02, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Fl.), Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17, Union Catholic High School, N.J.) and Angelina Napoleon (2022-23, Allegany-Limestone Central School, N.Y.).

The 5-foot-11 junior throws specialist set a state record in the shot put at the Class 3A championships meet this past season, leading the Tigers to the team title. Anderson's winning effort of 49 feet, 7.75 inches was ranked No. 8 nationally among girls prep competitors this spring. She also won the discus at the state meet with a meet-record throw of 154-9. Her discus PR of 161-6 at the Class 3A West Regional Championships ranked No. 15 nationally.

Anderson works at a rental company in the area to earn money for college. She has volunteered locally at the concession stand at Lander Valley High School sporting events and she has donated her time as a youth track and basketball coach. "Adelyn seems to be a great young lady and certainly is very talented," said Bret Engdahl, head coach of Cody High School. "It's quite possible she'll have both [shot put and discus] all-class records when she is done."

Anderson has maintained a 4.0 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 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.

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>.

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