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**ONALASKA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WISCONSIN BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 22, 2017) — In its 32nd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Austin Glynn of Onalaska High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Glynn is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Onalaska High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the track, distinguishes Glynn as Wisconsin's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in June, Glynn joins an elite alumni association of state track & field award-winners, including Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt High School, Iowa), Allyson Felix (2002-03, Los Angeles Baptist High School, Calif.), Robert Griffin III (2006-07, Copperas Cove High School, Texas), Grant Fisher (2013-14 & 2014-15, Grand Blanc High School, Mich.) and Candace Hill (2014-15, Rockdale County High School, Ga.).

The 6-foot-9, 230-pound senior won the shot put and placed second in the discus at the Division 1 state meet this past season, leading the Hilltoppers to a 12th-place finish as a team. Glynn's personal-best discus effort of 209 feet, 9 inches at the Mississippi Valley Conference meet ranked as the nation's No. 6 performance among prep competitors this spring at the time of his selection. His title-winning and personal-best put of the shot (62-3.5) ranked No. 40 in the nation in 2017.

Glynn has volunteered locally as part of multiple community-service initiatives through his church youth group. "Austin is an incredible athlete who seemed to be able to do things that most boys could not," said Dan Lerberg, head coach of Holmen High. "He was very talented and dedicated."

Glynn has maintained a 3.17 GPA in the classroom and represents one of the state's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade award's broad criteria. He has signed a national letter of intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of Oregon beginning this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) 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 work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Glynn joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Ben Gucinski (2015-16, Fox Valley Lutheran High School), Olin Hacker (2014-15, Madison West High School), Glen Harold (2013-14, Brookfield East High School), Carl Hirsch (2012-13 & 2011-12, Brookfield Central High School), Ben Schreib (2010-11, Martin Luther High School), Gabe Genovesi (2009-10, Homestead High School), Matt Widule (2008-09, Menomonee Falls High School, Paul Annear (2007-08, Richland Center High School), and Aaron Studt (2006-07, Ripon High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Austin will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit www.gatorade.com/poy.