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

CHICAGO (June 21, 2018) — In its 33<sup>rd</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Caleb Stamper of Timberline High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Idaho Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Stamper is the first Gatorade Idaho Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Timberline 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 Stamper as Idaho'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, Stamper 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 5-foot-9, 150-pound junior broke the tape in the 800-meter run and was a member of the winning 4x800-meter relay quartet at the Idaho Class 5A Track & Field Championship this past season, leading the Wolves to a fifth-place finish as a team. Stamper's 800 clocking of 1:52.60 was state's best this spring and ranked No. 58 nationally among prep competitors in 2018 at the time of his selection. At the Nike/Jesuit Twilight Relays in April, Stamper posted the state's best times of the season in the 1500 (3:59.43, No. 35 nationally) and mile (4:15.96, No. 75 nationally).

A National Honor Society member, Stamper has volunteered locally serving the elderly and under-privileged by landscaping, painting and serving food to the homeless. He has also donated his time as a camp counselor for Isaiah's Ranch, a United Way affiliate that serves a small mountain community. "Caleb is a true student-athlete who puts his heart and soul into being the best he can be in every avenue he pursues through lots of hard work, grit and tenacity," said Timberline head coach Ty Axtman.

Stamper has maintained a weighted 3.75 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school 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.

Stamper joins recent Gatorade Idaho Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Grady Leonard (2016-17, Coeur d'Alene High School), Michael Slagowski (2015-16, Pocatello High School), Elijah Armstrong (2014-15, Pocatello High School), Josh Barclay (2013-14, Minico High School), Thomas Rigby (2012-13, Boise High School), Erik Harris (2011-12, Twin Falls High School), Dallas Burroughs (2010-11, Rocky Mountain High School), A.J. Bouilly (2009-10, Borah), Mitch Simmonds (2008-09, Cole Valley Christian), Eric Fitzpatrick (2007-08, Boise), and John Mering (2006-07, Boise) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Stamper 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](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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