

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

CHICAGO (June 29, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Peyton Bair of Kimberly High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Idaho Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Bair is the first Gatorade Idaho Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Kimberly 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 field, distinguishes Bair 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 July, Bair joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, 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-3, 175-pound senior won the decathlon at the 2019 USATF National Junior Olympics last July. Bair's total of 6,913 points ranked as the nation's No. 24 mark in history among prep competitors. A 10-time state champion, Bair set four meet records at the 2019 Class 3A Outdoor state championships, winning the 110-meter high hurdles, the 300-meter intermediate hurdles, the long jump and as the second leg of Kimberly's 4x400-meter relay quartet. He also holds the state record in the 300 hurdles.

A member of his local 4-H Club, Bair produced the Grand Champion Steer at the Twin Falls County Fair. He has volunteered locally as a youth track coach, and he has donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church. "I have coached for 29 years and have seen few athletes of Peyton's ability and caliber" said Brett Hill, head coach of Sugar-Salem High. "If allowed, he could have almost single-handedly won the state title for his team."

Bair has maintained a 3.88 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at Mississippi State University.

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.

Bair joins recent Gatorade Idaho Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Nathan Green (2018-19, Borah High School), Caleb Stamper (2017-18, Timberline High School), Grady Leonard (2016-17, Coeur d'Alene High School), Michael Slagowski (2015-16, Rocky Mountain High School), Elijah Armstrong (2014-15, Pocatello High School), and Josh Barclay (2013-14, Minico High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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