

**GALE-ETTRICK-TREMPEALEAU HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WISCONSIN 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 Davis Wenthe of Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Wenthe is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Gale-Etrick-Trempealeau 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 Wenthe 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 July, Wenthe 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-1, 160-pound senior won the 300-meter intermediate hurdles at the 2019 Division 2 outdoor state meet. Wenthe's personal-best time of 37.91 seconds in the 300 hurdles ranked as the nation's No. 92 mark among prep competitors during the 2019 spring season. The 2019 Coulee Conference Track Athlete of the Year, Wenthe is a three-time Team MVP. He recorded an unofficial clocking of 36.94 in the 300 hurdles seconds this spring, a time that would have broken the state record by nearly a half-second had it been official.

Wenthe has volunteered locally at the Trempealeau County Fair, and he has donated his time as a calculus tutor and a youth track coach. "Davis is without a doubt the best athlete that I have coached in high school," said Ryan Mendez, head coach of G-E-T High. "His drive and determination to succeed are bar none, and I knew from the first day that I met him that he would achieve greatness in any avenue he decided to choose."

Wenthe has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of Wisconsin.

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.

Wenthe joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Drew Bosley (2018-19 & 2017-18, Homestead High School), Austin Glynn (2016-17, Onalaska High School), Ben Gucinski (2015-16, Fox Valley Lutheran High School), Olin Hacker (2014-15, Madison West High School), and Glen Harold (2013-14, Brookfield East 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.