

SEAMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE KANSAS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 25, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Ryin Miller of Seaman High School is the 2023-24 Gatorade Kansas Girls Track & Field Player of the Year. Miller is the first Gatorade Kansas Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Seaman High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Miller as Kansas' best high school girls track & field athlete. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Sanya Richards-Ross (2001-02, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Fla), Sydney McLaughlin (2016-17, 2015-16 & 2014-15, Union Catholic High School, N.J.) and Angelina Napoleon (2022-23, Allegany-Limestone Central School, N.Y.).

The 5-foot-7 sophomore distance talent swept the 800, 1600 and 3200-meter events at the KSHSAA State Championship this past season, leading the Vikings to a fourth-place finish as a team. Miller ranked among the nation's top five sophomores nationally in the 1500 and 3200 disciplines this spring and her personal-best times in the 1500 (4:26.58), the 3200 (10:13.97) and the 800 (2:10.25) all rank in the top three in state history.

A member of her school's Key Club, Miller has volunteered locally helping to organize elementary school pen pal programs and Easter Egg hunts in addition to serving as a guest reader at elementary schools. She has also donated her time as an assistant youth soccer coach as well as by assisting at various sports tournaments and camps. "Ryin Miller became the Heartland's fastest-rising talent over the last 12 months, having made the successful transition from the soccer pitch to the track oval," said Rich Gonzalez, editor for PrepCalTrack.com. "This spring, she rocketed up the state's all-time distance lists with head-turning momentum. Also a standout with the school's basketball and cross-country programs, she built up stamina across the spectrum of sports, which helped make her an exceptional newcomer on the national scene."

Miller has maintained a weighted 4.15 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Miller joins recent Gatorade Kansas Girls Track & Field Players of the Year Chesney Peterson (2022-23 & 2021-22, Stanton County High School), Katelyn Fairchild (2020-21, Andale High School) and Dhakiya Blake (2019-20, Leavenworth High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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 \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyeargatorade.com or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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