

## WEST WARWICK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE RHODE ISLAND GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 25, 2024) — In its 39<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Lisa Raye of West Warwick High School is the 2023-24 Gatorade Rhode Island Girls Track & Field Player of the Year. Raye is the second Gatorade Rhode Island Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from West Warwick 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 Raye as Rhode Island's 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-5 sophomore sprinter/hurdler won national titles in the 100- and 200-meter dashes at New Balance Nationals Outdoor this past season, becoming a double All-American in the process. Raye's 200 clocking of 22.77 seconds ranked No. 1 nationally among girls prep competitors this spring. Her time of 11.26 in the 100 set a meet record and ranked No. 5 nationally. Raye set an all-conditions state record in the 100 during prelims at NBNO with a wind-aided time of 11.21 seconds. She also set an all-conditions state record in the 200 at the Rhode Island State Championships with a wind-aided clocking of 22.73 seconds, having already captured the state title in the 100. She completed a four-gold-medal day with wins in the 100-meter high hurdles (14.06) and 300 intermediate hurdles (42.53) at the state meet, both of which were also state records.

Raye has volunteered locally at middle school track meets and with the Special Olympics. She has also donated her time as a mentor for incoming freshmen at West Warwick High School. "Lisa puts in the work every day and truly understands what it takes to be a champion," said Jeff Parenteau, head coach of West Warwick High School. "She's achieved an unbelievable amount of success in just two years, but does not let that stop her desire to keep improving."

Raye has maintained a weighted 3.67 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.

Raye joins recent Gatorade Rhode Island Girls Track & Field Player of the Year Sophia Gorriaran (2022-23, 2021-22, 2020-21, & 2019-20, Moses Brown 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 [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and X(Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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