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**MOORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE OKLAHOMA 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 Patrick Larrison of Moore High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Oklahoma Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Larrison is the first Gatorade Oklahoma Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Moore 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 Larrison as Oklahoma'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, Larrison 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 6-foot-2, 230-pound senior set meet records in both the shot put and discus at the Class 6A state meet this past season, hurling the former 65 feet, seven inches and launching the latter 210-9. Larrison also won both the shot put (67-6) and the discus (210-2) at the Meet of Champions, and his season-best efforts in both events ranked among the nation's top five prep performances in 2018 at the time of his selection. He also took third in the discus and fourth in the shot put at this month's New Balance Nationals Outdoor.

Larrison has volunteered locally on behalf of youth track programs. "Patrick is one of the most determined athletes I have ever been around," said Moore coach Stefan Seifried. "He continues to work year-round to become one of the best athletes in the nation."

Larrison has maintained a 3.07 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at the University of Kansas 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.

Larrison joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Vernon Turner (2016-17 & 2015-16, Yukon High School), Ben Barrett (2014-15, Norman North High School), Kevin Roddy (2013-14, Duncan High School), Bo Farrow (2012-13, Broken Arrow High School), Bryce Robinson (2011-12, Edmond Memorial High School), Gunnar Nixon (2010-11 & 2009-10, Edmond Santa Fe High School), Jack Whitt (2008-09, Norman North High School), and Geoffrey Tabor (2007-08 & 2006-07, Ardmore High School), and Geoffrey Tabor among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Larrison 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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