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

CHICAGO (June 21, 2018) — In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Drew Bosley of Homestead High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Bosley is the fthird Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Homestead 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 Bosley 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 June, Bosley 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 state's reigning Gatorade Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year, the 6-foot, 147-pound junior won the 1,600-meter run and the 3,200-meter run at the Division 1 state meet this past season, leading the Highlanders to a seventh-place finish as a team. Bosley also broke the tape in the 5,000-meter run at this month's USA Track & Field Junior Outdoor Championships with a time of 14:32.75. He ranked in the top 30 in the nation among prep competitors in 2018 at the time of his selection in the 1,600, 3,200 and mile.

A member of the Homestead High National Honor Society, Bosley has volunteered locally as a youth running coach. "Drew is the best runner in the state of Wisconsin," said Adam Piaskowy, the head cross country at Nicolet High. "He executes his race strategy with precision to capitalize on his strength which in turn allows him to beat his competition."

Bosley has maintained a weighted 3.55 GPA in the classroom and represents one of the state's top academic candidates in meeting the Gatorade award's broad criteria. He will begin his senior 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 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.

Bosley joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Austin Glynn (2016-17, Onalaska High School), Ben Gucinski (2015-16, Madison West High School), Olin Hacker (2014-15, Madison West High School), Glen Harold (2013-14, Brookfield East High School), Carl Hirsch (2012-13 & 2011-12, Brookfield Central High School), Ben Schreib (2010-11, Martin Luther High School), Gabe Genovesi (2009-10, Homestead), Matt Widule (2008-09, Menomonee Falls), Paul Annear (2007-08, Richland Center), and Aaron Studt (2006-07, Ripon) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Bosley 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.