

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

CHICAGO (July 8, 2021) — In its 36th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Nathan Green of Borah High School** as its **2020-21 Gatorade Idaho Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Green is the second Gatorade Idaho Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Borah 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 Green as Idaho's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Player of the Year award to be announced in July, Green 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.).

Also the 2018-19 Gatorade State Boys Track & Field Player of the Year, the 5-foot-5, 135-pound senior swept the 1,600 and 3,200-meter run events at the Class 5A state meet this past season, setting meet records in both events and leading the Lions to a fourth-place finish as a team. A three-time Gatorade State Boys Cross Country Player of the Year selection, Green won the mile at the YMCA Invitational in Oregon on June 5, clocking a personal-best 4:00.97, which, at the time of his selection, ranked No. 1 nationally among 2021 prep competitors and No. 21 in high school history. Green also ranked No. 2 nationally in the 2,000-meter steeplechase and was a national Top-25 performer in both the 1600 and 3200.

Green has volunteered locally as a youth cross country coach, and he has donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through the YMCA. "Nathan is incredible, not only as a runner but as a person," said Aaron Olswanger, head coach of Boise High. "His focus and competitive spirit when he races is just impressive to watch."

Green has maintained a weighted 3.26 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on an athletic scholarship at the University of Washington 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 works with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Two-time winner Green joins recent Gatorade Idaho Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Peyton Bair (2019-20, Kimberly High School), Caleb Stamper (2017-18, Timberline High School), and Grady Leonard (2016-17, Coeur d'Alene High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Green has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Green is also eligible to submit a 30-second video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$2.7 million across 1,117 organizations.

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 playeroftheyear.gatorade.com, on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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