

**BISMARCK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (January 30, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Brady Korsmo** of **Bismarck High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade North Dakota Boys Cross Country Player of the Year**. Korsmo is the sixth Gatorade North Dakota Boys Cross Country Player of the Year to be chosen from Bismarck 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 Korsmo as North Dakota's best high school boys cross country player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Cross Country Player of the Year award to be announced in January, Korsmo joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners, including Parker Wolfe (2020-21, Cherry Creek High School, Greenwood Village, Colo.), Nico Young (2019-20, Newbury Park High School, Newbury Park, Calif.), Megan Goethals (2009-10, Rochester High School, Rochester Hills, Mich.) and Jordan Hasay (2008-09, Mission College Preparatory Catholic High School, San Luis Obispo, Calif.).

The 5-foot-11, 145-pound senior raced to victory at the Class A state championships this past season in a personal-best time of 15:28.80, pacing the Demons to second place as a team. Korsmo won four invitational meets last fall and competed in both the Nike Cross and the Champs Sports regional championships. He was the state's fastest runner at the Rapid City Area Schools Invitational, finishing less than two seconds off the pace set by All-American and Gatorade South Dakota Player of the Year, Simeon Birnbaum.

Korsmo has volunteered locally as a Sunday school teacher at his church. This past summer, he was part of a group that traveled to the Dominican Republic to construct a playground for low-income youth. "The Class A state champion, Bismarck's Brady Korsmo won all but one meet against in-state competition," said PrepCalTrack editor Rich Gonzalez. "His showing at the Rapid City Area Schools Invitational was another highlight for Brady, who is the second member of his family to win the Gatorade POY Award, joining older brother Sean, who won two years ago."

Korsmo has maintained a weighted 4.21 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to run on scholarship at Tulsa University 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.

Korsmo joins recent Gatorade North Dakota Boys Cross Country Players of the Year Aiden Johnson (2021-22, Sheyenne High School), Sean Korsmo (2020-21, Bismarck High School), and Brady Yoder (2019-20 & 2018-19, Dickinson High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade's Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade's social impact partners, supporting Gatorade's ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

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 Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).