

**CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE VERMONT BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 30, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Matthew Servin** of **Champlain Valley Union High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Vermont Boys Cross Country Player of the Year**. Servin is the second Gatorade Vermont Boys Cross Country Player of the Year to be chosen from Champlain Valley Union 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 Servin as Vermont'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 February, Servin 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 6-foot, 150-pound senior raced to victory at the Division 1 state championships this past season with a time of 16:36.7, a margin of 29 seconds ahead of his next-closest competitor, pacing the Redhawks to second place as a team. Servin took ninth at the New England Championships and clocked a personal-best 15:37.10 to win the Burlington Invitational. He crossed the line sixth at the Nike Cross Northeast Regionals in 15:37.3, one place out of qualifying for nationals.

Servin has volunteered locally as part of the Environmental Action Club, the Awareness Change Training program and with his school's Leadership Council. "Champlain Valley Union senior Matthew Servin effectively 'ran the table' in going unbeaten against in-state rivals this past season," said PrepCalTrack editor Rich Gonzalez. "The biggest highlights for the Bowdoin College commit came in winning the Division 1 state meet and then crossing the line sixth at Nike Cross Northeast Regionals."

Servin has maintained an unweighted 4.14 GPA in the classroom. He will attend Bowdoin College this fall, where he will compete in cross country and track.

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.

Servin joins recent Gatorade Vermont Boys Cross Country Players of the Year Evan Thornton-Sherman (2021-22, St. Johnsbury Academy), Brady Martisus (2020-21, Essex High School), and Henry Farrington (2019-20 & 2018-19, Essex 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 or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.