

**EAST ANCHORAGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE ALASKA GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 28, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Olyvia Mamae** of **East Anchorage High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Alaska Girls Track & Field Player of the Year**. Mamae is the second Gatorade Alaska Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from East Anchorage 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 Mamae as Alaska's best high school girls track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Track & Field Player of the Year award to be announced in July, Mamae joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jasmine Moore (2018-19, Lake Ridge High School, Texas), Sydney McLaughlin (2016-17, 2015-16 & 2014-15, Union Catholic High School, N.J.), and Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt High School, Iowa).

The state's returning Gatorade Girls Track & Field Player of the Year, the 5-foot-5 senior won state titles in the 100- and 200-meter dash along with the 100-meter high hurdles at the Division I state meet this past season, leading the Thunderbirds to a second-place finish as a team. Mamae also ran the anchor leg for East's second-place 4x100-meter relay quartet. She was unbeaten against in-state competition this spring and is the state leader in the 100, 200 and 100 hurdles.

Mamae devotes much of her time to caring for her adopted younger brother, who has special needs. She has also volunteered locally as part of community beautification projects and on behalf of multiple community service initiatives through her church youth group. "No prep female athlete in Alaska has been more consistent over the past two years than Olyvia Mamae," said Erik Boal, editor at DyeStat.com. "She repeated her success at the Division I state meet by winning three individual titles and also gained valuable experience by competing at multiple elite national events."

Mamae has maintained a 3.71 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on scholarship at North Dakota State 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.

Two-time winner Mamae joins recent Gatorade Alaska Girls Track & Field Players of the Year Naomi Bailey (2020-21, West Valley High School), and Hailey Williams (2019-20 & 2018-19, Delta Junction 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.

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