

**NEWTON SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS 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 **Amelia Everett** of **Newton South High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Track & Field Player of the Year**. Everett is the second Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Newton South 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 Everett as Massachusetts' 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, Everett 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-8 senior earned All-American honors by finishing second in the 800-meter run at Nike Outdoor Nationals this spring. Everett's season-best 800 time of 2:07.94 ranked No. 22 nationally among girls prep competitors in 2023. She won the 800 and the mile at both the Division 1 state meet and the Meet of Champions. She clocked a personal-best 4:47.97 to win the BSR Elite Scholastic Mile with a time that ranked No. 43 nationally.

A member of the Newton South Women in STEM club, Everett completed a leadership and community service program at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. She has volunteered locally with Habitat for Humanity. "Amelia Everett not only repeated as champion in both the 800 and mile at the Division 1 state final, she also turned in a pair of outstanding efforts against elite national fields at showcase meets in Massachusetts and New York," said Erik Boal, editor at DyeStat.com. "Everett has been a consistently strong presence for Newton South throughout her career, always elevating her performance level in the postseason."

Everett has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on scholarship at Stanford 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 Everett joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Girls Track & Field Players of the Year Ellie Shea (2020-21, Belmont High School) and Makayla Paige (2019-20 & 2018-19, Tewksbury Memorial 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.