

**LEWISVILLE MARCUS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE TEXAS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 28, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Emma Sralla** of **Lewisville Marcus High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Texas Girls Track & Field Player of the Year**. Sralla is the first Gatorade Texas Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Lewisville Marcus 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 Sralla as Texas’ 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, Sralla 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 6-foot-1 senior set the state discus record with a throw of 195 feet, 10.5 inches this past season as part of the multi-week Oklahoma Throws Series to become the No. 2 girls prep competitor in history in the event. The effort marked the best performance by a prep athlete in 11 years. Sralla, who won the state 6A individual title in the event this spring, also launched the implement 193-8 at the Jesuit-Sheaner Relays, making her one of only two athletes with multiple top 10 all-time throws, along with 2011-12 Gatorade National Player of the Year Shelbi Vaughan. Representing Sweden internationally, she is the reigning World Under-20 discus gold medalist.

Sralla has volunteered locally at youth track camps in addition to collaborating with a Girl Scout troop to organize a kids camp promoting learning and staying active during school breaks. She also received the Girl Scout silver award for building a chicken coop that produced eggs which were donated to a local food pantry. “Emma Sralla, already a World Under-20 gold medalist at age 18, brought excitement to the discus event not seen in a decade among prep girls competitors,” said Erik Boal, editor at DyeStat.com. “She loomed as a serious threat to break the national high school record every time she stepped in the ring, achieving two of the top 10 throws in prep history.”

Sralla has maintained a 4.71 weighted 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.

Sralla joins recent Gatorade Texas Girls Track & Field Players of the Year Natalie Cook (2021-22, Flower Mound High School), Jasmine Montgomery (2020-21, Reagan High School), Brynn Brown (2019-20, Guyer High School), and Jasmine Moore (2018-19, Lake Ridge 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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