

**BURLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE IDAHO BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 29, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Gatlin Bair** of **Burley High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Idaho Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Bair is the first Gatorade Idaho Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Burley 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 Bair as Idaho's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Player of the Year award to be announced in July, Bair joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Nico Young (2019-20, Newbury Park High School, Calif.), Michael Norman (2015-16 & 2014-15, Vista Murrieta High School, Calif.), Grant Fisher (2014-15 & 2013-14, Grand Blanc High School, Mich.) and Robert Griffin III (2006-07, Copperas Cove High School, Texas).

The 6-foot-2, 195-pound junior broke the tape in the 100-meter dash at the Texas Relays with a time of 10.15 this past season, a state-record clocking that ranked No. 5 in the nation among boys prep competitors in 2023. Bair swept both the 100 and 200 titles in Class 4A at the state meet. His personal-best 200 time this spring 20.41 ranked No. 3 in the nation among prep boys in 2023, and his top times in the 100 and 200 both ranked among the top 20 clockings in U.S. prep history in those events.

Bair has volunteered locally by coaching middle school students in football camps. "A highly recruited football prospect, the three-sport standout scorched his way to a time of 10.15 seconds in the 100-meter dash at the Texas Relays," said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. "Gatlin concluded a junior season in which his personal bests in both his events now rank in the all-time Top 20 for prep boys."

Bair has maintained a 3.90 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school 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.

Bair joins recent Gatorade Idaho Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Landon Helms (2021-22, Emmett High School), Nathan Green (2020-21 & 2018-19, Borah High School), and Peyton Bair (2019-20, Kimberly 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).

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