

**BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE NEVADA 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 **Derek Meadows** of **Bishop Gorman High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Nevada Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Meadows is the third Gatorade Nevada Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Gorman 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 Meadows as Nevada'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, Meadows 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-6, 190-pound sophomore won the 300-meter low hurdles at the Class 5A state meet this past season, leading the Gaels to a fifth-place finish as a team. Meadows' winning time of 36.73 seconds ranked No. 10 nationally among prep competitors in 2023. He also took second at the state meet in the 110-meter high hurdles and ran the third leg on Gorman's winning 4x-400-meter relay quartet.

Meadows has volunteered locally as part of multiple community service initiatives in association with Catholic Charities. "A highly rated talent on the football field, Derek Meadows' debut season in track and field made plenty of headlines," said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. "Great pure athletes are a natural fit for the 300-meter hurdles, and Meadows bore that out as the state's top new talent in the event."

Meadows has maintained a 3.12 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his junior 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.

Meadows joins recent Gatorade Nevada Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Kutoven Stevens (2021-22, Yerington High School), Zachariah Branch (2020-21, Bishop Gorman High School), Justin Watterson (2019-20, Coronado High School), and Corey Moore (2018-19, Liberty 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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