PHILLIPS EXETER ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 29, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Byron Grevious** of **Phillips Exeter Academy** is the **2022-23 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Grevious is the fourth Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Phillips Exeter Academy.

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 Grevious as New Hampshire'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, Grevious 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 5-foot-7, 125-pound junior raced to an individual championship at the Nike Outdoor Nationals meet after leading the Big Red to a team title in NEPSTA Division 1. At the Nike meet, Grevious broke the tape in the 5000 with a time of 14:24.04.. Earlier this spring, he clocked a 14:04.44 in the event—an age-16 national record. He also swept the 1500- and 3000-meter events at the NEPSTA Championships, in 3:53.95 and 8:32.72, respectively.

Grevious serves as programming director for his school's public radio station, hosting a weekly music show, and he's a member of a peer-elected student attendance committee. "Despite his amazing successes in the athletic arena, Byron's most invaluable contributions to his team stem from his passion to foster teamwork and a supportive environment," said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. "While winning the Nike Outdoor Nationals 5000 might seem like his most logical season highlight, he takes just as much pride in sharing in the team's victory at the NEPSTA Division 1 championships."

Grevious has maintained a 3.83 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Grevious joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Pierce Seigne (2021-22, Hanover High School), Jeremiah Swett (2020-21, Phillips Exeter Academy), Conor Seleny (2019-20, Pinkerton Academy), and Jacob Winslow (2018-19, Exeter 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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