

**BISMARCK CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA 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 **Brooks Turner** of **Bismarck Century High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade North Dakota Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Turner is the first Gatorade North Dakota Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Bismarck Century 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 Turner as North Dakota'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, Turner 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, 155-pound senior won two gold medals at the Class A state meet this past season, leading the Patriots to a first place finish as a team. Turner broke the tape in the 110-meter high hurdles in a wind-aided 13.69 seconds, which ranked No. 20 nationally for all conditions among prep competitors in 2023. He also won a state title in the high jump, clearing 6 feet, 6 inches. His top wind-legal time in the 110 hurdles of 14.02 seconds ranked No. 50 nationally this spring.

Turner has volunteered locally building desks and office furniture for people in need, and he has donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church. "Turner raced progressively faster in each of his seven 110-meter hurdle races this season, culminating in an all-conditions record of 13.69 seconds at the state meet," said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. "He competed in four events at his state meet, so his ability to keep progressing in what is notably the most technical of those events bodes well for his future."

Turner has maintained a weighted 3.86 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on scholarship at North Dakota State 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.

Turner joins recent Gatorade North Dakota Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Logan Arason (2021-22, Red River High School), Kaden Pastian (2020-21, Hillsboro High School), and Calob Larson (2019-20 & 2018-19, Legacy 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).