

**WILSONVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OREGON 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 **Carter Cutting** of **Wilsonville High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Oregon Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Cutting is the first Gatorade Oregon Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Wilsonville 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 Cutting as Oregon'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, Cutting 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-9, 140-pound senior earned All-American honors in the mile at Nike Outdoor Nationals this past season. Cutting took sixth in the event with a time of 4:05.38, which ranked No. 15 nationally among prep competitors in 2023. A transfer from Corner Canyon High in Utah, Cutting finished fifth in the 800-meter run at the Brooks PR Invitational in 1:48.98, which ranked No. 9 nationally. He also swept the 800 and 1500 events at the Class 5A state meet, leading the Wildcats to a fourth place finish as a team. His personal-best 1500 clocking of 3:46.18 this spring ranked No. 5 nationally.

Cutting has volunteered locally as a youth running coach and he's donated his time to multiple community service initiatives on behalf of Young Life, a faith-based ministry. "After competing for the last two years as a high schooler in Utah, Carter Cutting returned to Wilsonville for the first time since his freshman year and vaulted to No. 3 in state history among prep boys in both the 800 and the 1500," said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. "Despite a grueling middle distance/distance event combination this season, he managed to set two personal-bests in the final two weeks of this season, a testament to his fitness and attention to detail in peaking at the right time."

Cutting has maintained a weighted 4.17 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on scholarship at Brigham Young 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.

Cutting joins recent Gatorade Oregon Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Caleb Lakeman (2021-22, Tualatin High School), Mateo Althouse (2020-21, Lincoln High School), and Micah Williams (2019-20 & 2018-19, Benson Polytechnic 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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