

**HATBORO-HORSHAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE PENNSYLVANIA 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 **Brian DiCola** of **Hatboro-Horsham High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. DiCola is the first Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Hatboro-Horsham 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 DiCola as Pennsylvania'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, DiCola 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-10, 145-pound senior won the 5000-meter run at Nike Outdoor Nationals with a time of 14:26.72, which ranked No. 7 nationally among prep competitors in 2023. DiCola also broke the tape in the 3200 at the Class AAA state meet in 8:47.39, which ranked No. 13 nationally. He also ranked among the nation's top 15 prep performers this spring in the 1600 (4:06.58) and the mile (4:04.14), the latter of which was the second-fastest time in history by a Pennsylvania prep.

DiCola has volunteered locally as part of multiple community service initiatives through his school's Key Club and National Honor Society. He has also donated his time to a pen pal program in association with a local elementary school. "Brian DiCola authored one of the greatest seasons in state history by turning in top-flight performances across an array of events," said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. "DiCola was at his best when it mattered most, clocking the No. 2 mile time in state history at the HOKA Festival of Miles, then capping his season with the 5000-meter title at New Balance Nationals."

DiCola has maintained a weighted 4.75 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on scholarship at Penn 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.

DiCola joins recent Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Gary Martin (2021-22 & 2020-21, Archbishop Wood High School), Jaden Price-Whitehead (2019-20, Upper Dublin High School), and Brock Grundy (2018-19, Hickory 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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