

**CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE VERMONT 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 **Matthew Servin** of **Champlain Valley Union High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Vermont Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Servin is the second Gatorade Vermont Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Champlain Valley Union 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 Servin as Vermont'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, Servin 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-2, 160-pound senior won the 1500-meter run with a time of 3:56.33 at the Division 1 state meet this past season, leading the Redhawks to a sixth place finish as a team. Servin also took second in the 800 at the state meet in 1:55.16. His personal-best 1500 of 3:53.36 at the Essex Invitational ranked No. 19 nationally among prep competitors in 2023.

A participant in the Georgetown University HOYA Summer High School Foreign Policy Academy in 2022, Servin has donated his time to CVU's Awareness Change Training initiative, a program committed to decreasing sexual violence and advancing Title IX awareness and compliance. Also a member of the CVU Environmental Action Club, he has also donated his time by serving on his school's Athletic Leadership Council. He worked as a grocery store associate on Fire Island during the summer of 2020 and 2021, spending 35 hours a week on the job. "Matthew Servin enjoyed a fine senior season, punctuated by a 1500 performance that catapulted him into the ranks of the state's all-time best distance talents," said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. "In the process, he won a state championship and clocked a national top 20 time this spring."

Servin has maintained a 4.15 GPA in the classroom. He will attend Bowdoin College this fall, where he will compete in track and field.

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.

Servin joins recent Gatorade Vermont Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Evan Thornton-Sherman (2021-22, St. Johnsbury Academy), Wyatt Lamell (2020-21 & 2019-20, Essex High School), and Simon Kissam (2018-19, Burlington 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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