

**LANDER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE WYOMING 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 **Gage Gose** of **Lander Valley High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Wyoming Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Gose is the first Gatorade Wyoming Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Lander Valley 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 Gose as Wyoming'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, Gose 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-1, 160-pound senior set a state record en route to winning the national championship in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles this past season at Nike Outdoor Nationals. Gose's winning time of 51.48 seconds ranked No. 4 nationally among prep competitors in 2023. Gose also set a state record at Nike Nationals Outdoor in the 110-meter high hurdles, placing sixth in 14.16 seconds to earn All-America honors. He broke the tape in both the 100 and 300 hurdles at the Class 3A state meet, helping the Tigers finish fourth as a team, while his 300 hurdles time of 36.10 at states set another state record and ranked No. 4 nationally this spring.

Gose has volunteered locally on behalf of the Lander Interact Club, a youth group that serves community meals and organizes community clean-up campaigns. He has also donated his time by helping to clear the trails at Sinks Canyon State Park in addition to participating in the Rotary Youth Leadership Camp. "Gage Gose made the most of his chances against top competition this past season," said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. "Ranking among the nation's premier hurdlers in 2023, Gage breezed to victory at the state meet, which served as a tune up for Nike Outdoor Nationals, where he captured the national title in the 400-meter hurdles. He also set three state records this season."

Gose has maintained a weighted 4.19 GPA in the classroom. He remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Gose joins recent Gatorade Wyoming Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Texas Tanner (2021-22, Sheridan High School), Joseph Turner (2020-21, Lyman High School), Peter Visser (2019-20, Star Valley High School), and Wyatt Moore (2018-19, Star Valley 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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