

**WOODFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE KENTUCKY GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 22, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Addison Moore** of **Woodford County High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Kentucky Girls Cross Country Player of the Year**. Moore is the first Gatorade Kentucky Girls Cross Country Player of the Year to be chosen from Woodford County High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Moore as Kentucky's best high school girls cross country player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Irene Riggs (2022-23, 2021-22 & 2020-21, Morgantown High School, Morgantown, W. Va.), Katelyn Tuohy (2019-20, 2018-19 & 2017-18, North Rockland High School, Thiels, N.Y.) and Jordan Hasay (2008-09, Mission College Preparatory Catholic High School, San Luis Obispo, Calif.).

The 5-foot-3 sophomore won the Class 3A state title this past season, breaking the tape with an all-class best clocking of 18:12.5. Moore went on to take 24th at the Foot Locker South Region championships, then crossed the line eighth at the national RunningLane Championships, which earned her All-America honors. Her victory in the Trinity/Valkyre Invitational came in a personal-best 17:20.8 and represents the fourth-fastest 5k time in history by a Kentucky prep girl.

Recently recognized as a scholar student-athlete by the Woodford County Board of Education, Moore has volunteered extensively on behalf of the Southland Christian Church in Nicholasville. A member of her school's Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter, she has also donated her time as an assistant running coach for Huntertown Elementary and with the Catholic Action Center. "Woodford County's Addison Moore repeatedly flashed her talent en route to an unbeaten season within state lines, capped by a hard-fought victory over a trio of seniors to capture the Class 3A state crown," said Rich Gonzalez of PrepCalTrack. "The four-time 3A Region 6 champion, she closed out her campaign with an All-American performance while emerging as the top sophomore finisher at the national RunningLane Championships."

Moore has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior year of high school 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.

Moore joins recent Gatorade Kentucky Girls Cross Country Players of the Year Ciara O'Shea (2022-23, 2021-22, 2020-21 & 2019-20, Madison Central High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$4.9 million across more than 1,600 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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