

**MT. LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE PENNSYLVANIA 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 **Logan St. John Kletter** of **Mt. Lebanon High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Pennsylvania Girls Cross Country Player of the Year**. St. John Kletter is the first Gatorade Pennsylvania Girls Cross Country Player of the Year to be chosen from Mt. Lebanon 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 St. John Kletter as Pennsylvania’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-6 senior captured the Class 3A state title this past season, breaking the tape in a time of 18:13.0 to win by six seconds and lead the Blue Devils to an eighth-place finish as a team. St. John Kletter followed up as the state’s top finisher at the Foot Locker Northeast regional, crossing the line fourth to qualify for nationals, where she took 34th. She clocked a personal-best 17:19.86 to win the season-opening Bald Eagle Invitational.

A practiced musician with experience playing the piano, ukulele and guitar, St. John Kletter has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and middle school cross country meets. “Logan St. John Kletter was unbeaten within state lines in 2023,” said Rich Gonzalez of PrepCalTrack. “She closed out her prep cross country career with a at Foot Locker nationals after earning All-Northeast Region accolades.”

St. John Kletter has maintained a weighted 4.00 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to run on scholarship at the University of North Carolina 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.

St. John Kletter joins recent Gatorade Pennsylvania Girls Cross Country Players of the Year Jolena Quarzo (2022-23, Brownsville Area High School), Mia Cochran (2021-22 & 2020-21, Moon Area High School) and Marlee Starliper (2019-20, 2018-19 & 2017-18, Northern 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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