

**VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE IOWA GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 25, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Addison Dorenkamp** of **Valley High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Iowa Girls Track & Field Player of the Year**. Dorenkamp is the second Gatorade Iowa Girls Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Valley 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 Dorenkamp as Iowa's best high school girls track & field athlete. 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 Sanya Richards-Ross (2001-02, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Fla), Sydney McLaughlin (2016-17, 2015-16 & 2014-15, Union Catholic High School, N.J.) and Angelina Napoleon (2022-23, Allegany-Limestone Central School, N.Y.).

The 5-foot-6 senior distance talent set two state records and finished unbeaten individually in her home state this past season, leading the Tigers to a sixth-place team finish at the Class 4A state championships. Also the state's Gatorade Girls Cross Country POY this year, Dorenkamp won a national title at Nike Outdoor Nationals in the 2-mile, breaking the tape in 9 minutes, 59.62 seconds to smash the previous state standard. She crossed the line in 4:40.82 in the mile at the HOKA Festival of Miles to break the state record by more than a second. She also swept the 1500- and 3000-meter titles at the state meet with times of 4:25.32 and 9:30.64, respectively.

Dorenkamp has volunteered locally on behalf of Operation Christmas Child, an organization which provides shoe boxes filled with gifts for boys and girls around the world. She has also donated her time to the Meals From The Heartland program, which empowers people to fight child hunger. "Addison Dorenkamp heads to the University of Alabama having manufactured what is arguably the greatest distance running track career in Iowa prep history," said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. "A six-time state champion in the sport to go along with two state titles in cross country, she owns every state track record from the 1500 on up to the 5000. All told, she concluded her decorated career with 11 state meet medals."

Dorenkamp has maintained a weighted 3.96 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete on scholarship at the University of Alabama 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.

Dorenkamp joins recent Gatorade Iowa Girls Track & Field Players of the Year Paityn Noe (2022-23, Ballard Community High School), Mackenzie Carney (2021-22, Waukee Northwest High School), Ashlyn Keeney (2020-21, Liberty High School) and Mackenzie Michael (2019-20, Cedar Falls 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, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 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 X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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