## SEAMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE KANSAS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 24, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Ryin Miller** of **Seaman High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Kansas Girls Track & Field Player** of the Year.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Miller as Kansas' best high school girls track & field athlete, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Sanya Richards (2001-02, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Fl.), Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17, Union Catholic High School, N.J.) and Angelina Napoleon (2022-23, Allegany-Limestone Central School, N.Y.).

The state's 2024-25 Gatorade Girls Cross Country Runner of the Year, the 5-foot-7 junior distance talent set a state record in the 1600-meter run at the Seaman Relays this past season and her time of 4:41.47 ranked No. 8 nationally among prep girls competitors this spring. A two-time Gatorade State Girls Track and Field Player of the Year, Miller won three events at the Class 5A state meet, leading the Vikings to sixth place as a team. Her time of 10:17.74 for the 3200 ranked No. 41 nationally while her 2:09.28 performance in the 800 ranked No. 78 nationally.

A member of her school's Key Club, Miller has volunteered locally by helping to organize elementary school pen pal programs and with Easter Egg hunts in addition to serving as a guest reader at elementary schools. She has also donated her time as an assistant youth soccer coach in addition to assisting at various sports tournaments and camps. "Ryin Miller impressively notched her first state record on the track this past season and there's every reason to believe more history is within reach next spring," said Rich Gonzalez of PrepCalTrack.com. "A multi-sport standout, as her learning curve grows on the track and as she gains precious racing experience in the bigger meets, her upside continues to be very promising in helping to move Kansas distance running onto the national map."

Miller has maintained a 4.14 weighted GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports – 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.

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 \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate studentathletes, visit <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u>. Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.

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