WINDSOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE CONNECTICUT FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (December 5, 2025) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Anthony Robinson of Windsor High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Connecticut Football 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 excellence in sport, academics and community. The award recognizes Robinson as Connecticut's best high school football player, and he joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Peyton Manning (1993-94, Isidore Newman School, LA), Nick Singleton (2021-22, Governor Mifflin High School, PA) and Keelon Russell (2024-25, Duncanville High School, TX).

At the time of his selection, the 6-foot-2, 210-pound senior quarterback had thrown for 2,941 yards and 40 touchdowns to just one interception, leading the Warriors (9-1) to the top seed in the Class MM state postseason. Robinson completed 66.7 percent of his passes and averaged 12.1 yards per attempt. He also chipped in 242 yards and seven more touchdowns on the ground. A two-time All-State selection, he reached the Class MM state championship as a junior.

Robinson has volunteered locally as part of Windsor High School Football's breast cancer awareness walk. He has also donated his time to Windsor High School's youth football and basketball programs. "His poise in the pocket and incredible arm have allowed him to become one of the most successful quarterbacks in the state," said Jason Bruenn, head coach of Platt High School. "Windsor High School is a great team and he makes them even better."

Robinson has maintained a B average in the classroom. At the time of his selection, he had made a verbal commitment to receive athletic aid to play football at Central Connecticut State University next fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> program annually recognizes one state winner from each of the 50 states and Washington D.C., in 12 different sports: football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field. In total, 610 high school athletes are honored each year. From the pool of state winners, one national winner is selected in each of the 12 sports. 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 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 \$6.4 million in grants to winners across more than 2,200 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, 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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