

## **KNOX HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE INDIANA FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 5, 2025) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Myles McLaughlin of Knox High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Indiana 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 McLaughlin as Indiana'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).

The 5-foot-10, 190-pound senior quarterback and linebacker set single-season national records with 4,846 rushing yards and 71 rushing touchdowns this past season, leading the Redskins (13-1) to the Class 3A state semifinals. McLaughlin ran for more than 300 yards in 10 of Knox High School's 14 games and his 447 total points on the year ranks No. 2 in high school history, nationally. Defensively, McLaughlin tallied 66 tackles and eight interceptions. He concluded his prep football career ranked No. 3 nationally with 11,839 career rushing yards.

A four-year member of the Knox High School student council, McLaughlin is a member of Students Against Destructive Decisions and his school's Pep Club. He has volunteered locally as a 10-year member of 4-H and donated his time to multiple youth football, basketball and baseball camps. "Myles has been amazing this season," said Justin Bogunia, head coach of Bremen High School. "This fall was the cherry on top of an already great career."

McLaughlin has maintained a 3.12 GPA in the classroom. At the time of his selection, he was undecided on a collegiate destination.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) 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 [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](https://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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