

TABOR ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (December 5, 2025) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Peter Bourque of Tabor Academy is the 2025-26 Gatorade Massachusetts 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 Bourque as Massachusetts' 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 6-foot-4, 205-pound junior quarterback passed for 2,241 yards and 18 touchdowns this past season, leading the Seawolves (9-0) to an undefeated campaign and the NEPSAC John Papas Bowl title. Bourque completed 63.3 percent of his throws at 10.8 yards per attempt while also rushing for 688 yards and 15 scores on 80 carries. The 2025 NEPSAC Class B Player of the Year and Offensive Player of the Year, he's ranked as the nation's No. 85 recruit in the Class of 2027 by 247Sports and the No. 130 recruit by ESPN. He will participate in the U.S. Navy All-American Bowl in January.

Also a varsity lacrosse player, Bourque has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics. He has also donated his time to local youth sports teams, the Boston Veterans Food Bank and A Shot For Life, a sports non-profit that raises money for cancer research. "I haven't seen a better player in New England," said Anthony Fucillo, head coach of Belmont Hill School. "His frame is insane. He can make every throw. He's also a really good athlete and for all the talent Tabor Academy has across the board, he's particularly tough to defend."

Bourque 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 the University of Michigan in the fall of 2027.

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 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.

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