

BISHOP HENDRICKEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE RHODE ISLAND FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (December 5, 2025) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Jeremy Seidi of Bishop Hendricken High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Rhode Island 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 Seidi as Rhode Island'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 6-foot, 230-pound senior running back and linebacker led the Hawks (7-3) to the Division 1 state championship this past season. Seidi rushed for 1,033 yards and 10 touchdowns on 143 carries for an average of 7.2 yards per attempt. He also recorded 30 tackles, including three for a loss.

A member of Bishop Hendricken High School's Brotherhood, a club supporting students of color, Seidi has volunteered locally as a flag football coach. He has also donated his time assisting with multiple youth football camps. "Offensively, he is very talented and a load to take down; honestly, I would have given him the ball more," said Chad Neal, head coach at Killingly High School (Conn.). "The thing that impressed me the most, however, was after the game, which we won, he shook everyone's hand and congratulated us."

Seidi has maintained a 3.64 weighted GPA in the classroom. He will attend the United States Military Academy next fall, where he will play football.

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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