

BRANDON VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE SOUTH DAKOTA FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (December 5, 2025) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Hudson Parliament of Brandon Valley High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade South Dakota 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 Parliament as South Dakota'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-4, 320-pound senior guard recorded 109 pancake blocks and was the tip of the sword for an offense that averaged 39.7 points per game this past season, leading the Lynx (11-1) to the Class 3A state title. The nation's No. 320 recruit in his class as ranked by 247 Sports, Parliament did not surrender a sack for a second straight season and helped Brandon Valley rush for 2,905 yards at a clip of 7.5 yards per carry. The state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, he will graduate as a three-time All-State selection and a three-time Riley Reiff SD Offensive Lineman of the Year honoree.

Also a member of his school's power lifting and trap shooting teams, Parliament has volunteered locally as a youth football and wrestling instructor and on behalf of a backpack food program for the underserved. He has also donated his time at a homeless shelter in association with his church youth group and has served with the Special Olympics and the Best Buddies International. "Hudson Parliament is a great choice for the Gatorade award," said Prep Redzone's Nate Wahl, lead scout for the Dakotas. "He's probably one of the most dominant linemen I've seen in all of the Dakotas these past four years."

Parliament has maintained a 3.65 GPA in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to receive athletic aid to play football at the University of Iowa next fall.

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.

###