

WOODFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE KENTUCKY GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 21, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Addison Moore of Woodford County High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Kentucky Girls Cross Country 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 Moore as Kentucky's best high school girls cross country athlete, and she joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Jordan Hasay (2008-09, Mission College Preparatory Catholic High School, CA), Katelyn Tuohy (2017-18, 2018-19 & 2019-20, North Rockland High School, NY) and Jane Hedengren (2024-25, Timpview High School, UT).

Now a three-time Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-4 senior 3-peated as Class 3A state champion this past season, clocking a course and class record time of 17:38.4 to post a striking 47.99-second margin of victory. Moore also crossed the line 17th at the prestigious Great American XC Festival last fall. A four-time AAU national champion, she's also won a pair of indoor track and field state titles.

A devoted Leadership Team Member of her school's chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Moore has volunteered extensively on behalf of the Southland Christian Church, including participating in a service-mission trip. She has also donated her time as a peer tutor and assistant cross country coach at Huntertown Elementary in addition to the Catholic Action Center. She was recently recognized as a scholar student-athlete by the Woodford County Board of Education and by Woodford County Executive/Judge James Kay in addition to being an invited guest at the state's inaugural Governor's Parade. "Addison Moore three-peated at states in authoritative fashion and ran well at major regional meets last fall," said Rich Gonzalez of PrepCalTrack. "When you win a state title by nearly 48 seconds and go sub-18 in six of seven 5K races, you've got a shot to win Gatorade Player of the Year and that's something Moore has now done three times."

Moore has maintained a weighted 4.12 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to run at Lipscomb University this 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](https://www.x.com/Gatorade).

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