

## **MCCALLIE SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE TENNESSEE BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 13, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Andrew Beroset of McCallie School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Tennessee Boys 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 Beroset as Tennessee's best high school boys cross country athlete, and he joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Lukas Verzbicas (2009-10 & 2010-11, Carl Sandburg High School, IL) Edward Cheserek (2012-13, Saint Benedict's Preparatory School, NJ) and Charlie Vause (2024-25, Rio Rancho High School, NM).

The 5-foot-8, 130-pound junior won the Division II Class AA state meet this past season with a time of 15:03.6, breaking the tape 21.6 seconds ahead of his next-closest competitor and leading the Tornado to the team title. The highlight of Beroset's season came two weeks later when he won the NXN Southeast Regional in a personal-best 14:45.3, sparking McCallie to a third-place finish and earning First Team All-Region honors. He won four of his 7 races last fall and concluded his campaign by placing 53rd at Nike Cross Nationals.

A transfer from the state of Florida, Beroset has volunteered locally mentoring youth runners. "Andrew Beroset made major strides in cross country this year against premier competition," said Rich Gonzalez of PrepCalTrack. "Previously known more for his track exploits, he recorded a championship performance at NXN regionals, which marked a clear high-water performance as he rounded into what is now a dangerous and more complete distance talent."

Beroset has maintained a 3.74 in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school 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](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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