

**CONCORDIA LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE  
NAMED GATORADE INDIANA GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD PLAYER OF  
THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 25, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Mallory Weller of Concordia Lutheran High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Indiana Girls Track and Field 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 Weller as Indiana’s best high school girls track and field athlete and she joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Sanya Richards (2001-02, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Florida), Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (2015-16 & 2016-17, Union Catholic Regional High School, New Jersey) and Jane Hedengren (2024-25, Timpview High School, Utah).

The 5-foot-8 senior distance talent won the gold medal in the mile run at the New Balance Nationals Outdoor this past season. Weller’s winning time of 4:31.78 at NBNO set a state record and ranked No. 2 nationally among prep girls competitors this spring. The 2026 Ms. Indiana Track and Field winner, she also set a state record in the 3200-meter run at the Carmel HS Distance Showcase in 9:59.68, which ranked No. 13 nationally. Her personal-best 1600 clocking of 4:33.77 at the Regional 3 Championships ranked No. 2 nationally, while her PR in the 800 of 2:04.24 at the Northeast Indiana Middle Distance Showcase ranked No. 6.

A member of the Concordia Lutheran High School National Honor Society, Weller has volunteered locally as part of multiple community service initiatives through her church youth group. “Mallory is a special talent who works hard to make sure that talent doesn’t go to waste,” said Phil Yoder, head coach of Homestead High School. “She’s able to dominate any race she’s in by taking (the pace) out hard from the gun or by being tactical throughout.”

Weller has maintained a 3.99 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete on scholarship at North Carolina State 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](http://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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