

WOODFORD COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE KENTUCKY GIRLS TRACK AND FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 25, 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 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 Moore as Kentucky’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-4 senior middle distance and distance talent swept the 1600- and 3200-meter runs at the Class 3A state meet this past season, leading the Yellow Jackets to a second-place finish as a team. The state’s 2025-26 Gatorade Girls Cross Country Player of the Year, Moore was unbeaten on the season against in-state competition at distances ranging from 400 to 3200 and she’s a three-time Class 3A cross country state champion. She capped her outdoor track season with a pair of personal-bests at the Nike Outdoor Nationals, finishing 10th in the 800 with a time of 2:09.35, which ranked No. 83 nationally among prep girls competitors this spring and 13th in the mile in 4:48.23, which ranked No. 63 nationally.

Honored as a scholar student-athlete by the Woodford County Board of Education, Moore has volunteered locally as a preschool teacher at her church and as a peer tutor. A member of the leadership team with her school’s Fellowship of Christian Athletes chapter, she has also donated her time as a youth running coach. “Addison Moore is a once-in-a-lifetime individual,” said Adam Swingle, head coach of Woodford County High School. “She’s always had talent, however, she has struggled to have confidence in those talents. She spent time this season working on winning the mental battle, the final key that needed to be unlocked for her to win an outdoor state title.”

Moore has maintained a weighted 4.21 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete on scholarship 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.

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