

HOPKINTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Maddy Lane of Hopkinton High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade New Hampshire 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 Lane as New Hampshire’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 junior distance talent swept the 800-, 1600- and 3200-meter events at the Division III state meet this past season, leading the Hawks to the team title. She also won the New England Track & Field Championships in the 3200, then took bronze at New Balance Nationals Outdoor in the 5000-meter with a personal-best time of 16:37.29. The state’s 2025-26 Girls Cross Country Player of the Year, Lane ran PRs in six events this spring, including a 3000 clocking of 9:33.72, which ranked No. 12 nationally among prep girls competitors.

Lane has volunteered locally as a peer tutor and on behalf of the Hopkinton High Student Agency organization’s Grade 6 Buddy Program. A member of her school’s Environmental Action Club, she has also donated time providing childcare at PTA meetings, as an HMAA sports mentor and as a neighborhood pet-sitter. “Maddy Lane was the most dominant distance talent in the state this spring and arguably the most decorated girls track competitor,” said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. “She doubled down on her POY status in cross country and delivered, earning a bronze at nationals, a New England title, three state titles and clocking six personal-bests.”

Lane has maintained an A average in the classroom. She will begin her 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 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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