

**ST. AGNES ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE  
TENNESSEE 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 Claire Wetick of St. Agnes Academy is the 2025-26 Gatorade Tennessee 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 Wetick as Tennessee’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 junior pole-vaulter and hurdler earned All-American honors with a second-place in the pole vault at the Nike Outdoor Nationals earlier this month, clearing 13 feet, 4.5 inches. Wetick also won the event at the Division 2 Class AA state championship meet with a personal-best height of 13-8, which ranked No. 7 nationally among prep girls competitors this spring. She also took second at states in the 100-meter hurdles in 14.75 seconds—another PR—and third in the 300 hurdles in a personal-best tie of 44.8.

The Business Manager of the St. Agnes Student Government Association, Wetick has volunteered locally leading a schoolwide recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month last October. She has also donated her time as a Freshman Student Orientation leader and as a peer mentor, helping to organize the two-day event for incoming freshmen. “Claire is the most committed athlete I’ve ever been around,” said Jacob Reeves, St. Agnes head coach. “I’ve never been around another athlete who has the work ethic, dedication and commitment to excellence that she does. One of her best attributes is that she’s also a passionate supporter of her teammates. She’s always very encouraging as she watches and hears about their performances.”

Wetick has maintained a 4.82 weighted GPA 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](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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