

## **WESTVIEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE INDIANA BOYS TRACK AND FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 26, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Noah Bontrager of Westview High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Indiana Boys 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 Bontrager as Indiana’s best high school boys track and field athlete and he joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Alan Webb (2000-01, South Lakes High School, Virginia), Kerron Clement (2002-03, Laporte High School, Texas) and Tate Taylor (2024-25, Harlan High School, Texas).

The state’s returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-9, 140-pound senior distance talent won the 3,000-meter run at the USATF Under-20 Championships this past season. Bontrager’s winning time of 8:32.53 ranked No. 42 nationally among prep boys competitors this spring and earned him a berth in the Under-20 World Championships this August in Oregon. Also the 2023-24 Gatorade Boys Cross Country Player of the Year, Bontrager set meet records in the 1,600- and 3,200-meter runs at the state championships, leading the Warriors to an eighth-place finish as a team. Bontrager’s winning 1,600 time of 4:01.83 was a state record and ranked No. 2 nationally and he ranked in the Top 12 nationally in the 800-meter run (No. 2 prep competitor, 1:47.86), the mile run (No. 12, 4:02.48) and the 3,200 (No. 6, 8:41.28).

The vice president of his class at Westview High, Bontrager is also the co-president of the Westview National Honor Society. He has volunteered locally with Feed My Starving Children and he has donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through both his church and the National Honor Society. “Noah is willing to compete in any event that gives Westview High School the best opportunity to succeed,” said Matt Jones, head coach of Westview High School. “He has established himself as one of the most accomplished distance runners in Indiana history.”

Bontrager has maintained a 3.88 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete at the University of Notre Dame 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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