

JACKSON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MISSOURI BOYS TRACK AND FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 26, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Barrett Reagan of Jackson Senior High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Missouri 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 Reagan as Missouri’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 5-foot-10, 160-pound senior sprinter set a state record in the 100-meter dash at the Class 5 state meet this past season. His time of 10.30 seconds ranked No. 22 nationally among prep boys competitors this spring. Reagan also ran the opening leg on the Indians’ winning 4x100-meter relay team and took second in the 200 dash with a time of 20.74 seconds, which ranked No. 19 nationally this spring among prep competitors. He led Jackson to a third-place finish as a team.

Reagan has volunteered locally as a youth track coach. “Barrett is a phenomenal talent,” said Jackson Rushin, head coach of Kelly High School. “He’s set a standard for athletes to chase. Not only did he make his team better, but he also inspired my athletes to compete against him.”

Reagan has maintained a 3.69 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete at Southeast Missouri 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 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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