

**MASCOMA VALLEY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Barnaby Diehn of Mascoma Valley Regional High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade New Hampshire 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 Diehn as New Hampshire’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 6-foot-5, 225-pound senior thrower swept the discus and shot put events at both the Division III state meet and the Meet of Champions this past season. Diehn led the Royals to a second-place finish as a team at the Div. III state meet and went on to finish fifth in the discus in the New England Track and Field Championships, earning All-New England honors in the process. He launched the discus 183 feet, 11 inches at the Mascoma Field Events Meet in April, which was a personal-best.

A Life Scout in Scouting America, Diehn is president of his school’s Student Council. Also a practiced piano, guitar, trombone and bass player, he has volunteered locally on behalf of the Mascoma Theater and in association with his membership in the National Honor Society. He has also donated his time coaching youth track athletes. “Barnaby Diehn won a state title and a Meet of Champions crown in both his throwing disciplines and then earned All-New England status with a fifth-place showing in the discus,” said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. “For good measure, he added a personal-best effort in the same event with a throw of 183-11 at the Mascoma Field Events Meet.”

Diehn has maintained a 3.99 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete on scholarship at Penn 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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