

**KLEIN COLLINS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE TEXAS 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 Andrew Jones of Klein Collins High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Texas 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 Jones as Texas’ 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, 170-pound senior broke the national record in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles at the UIL Class 6A Area 15-16 meet with a time of 34.72 seconds this past season. Jones also swept the 110 and 300 hurdles titles at the UIL Class 6A state meet, leading the Tigers to a tie for sixth place as a team. He took third in the 400-meter hurdles at the Nike Outdoor Nationals with a time of 49.46, which ranked No. 3 nationally among prep boys competitors in 2026 and No. 4 in prep history. At the Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays, he won the 110 hurdles in a wind-aided 12.97 seconds, the fastest all-conditions performance in prep history. He concludes his prep career ranked among the top four prep performers of all time in three events.

A member of his school’s chapter of the National Honor Society, Jones has volunteered locally coaching and mentoring youth track athletes. He has also donated his time on campus as a president of School Standleaders, a spirit group supporting Tigers athletic teams. “Jones fashioned the greatest prep hurdling season in history, not only smashing the national record in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles, but also recording the fastest all-conditions mark ever in the 110 hurdles,” said Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack. “His best efforts were nothing short of a masterclass in negotiating the barriers.”

Jones has maintained a 3.94 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete on scholarship at Texas A&M 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](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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