

## **THETFORD ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE VERMONT 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 Sebastian Perdrizet of Thetford Academy is the 2025-26 Gatorade Vermont 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 Perdrizet as Vermont’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-11, 169-pound junior jumper talent won the triple jump at the New England Championships this past season, earning All-New England honors in the process. Perdrizet set a state record at New Englands with his winning leap of 47 feet, 9.5 inches, which ranked No. 89 nationally among prep boys competitors in 2026. He broke his own state record of 47-7 set a week earlier at the Division 3 state meet, where he also took gold in the 100- and 200-meter dashes as well as the long jump, leading the Panthers to a second-place finish as a team.

Perdrizet has volunteered locally at the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, delivering meals to patients. “Sebastian’s achievements are even more impressive given that Thetford does not have a track (surface),” said Emily Silver, head coach of Thetford Academy. “He does sprint workouts on a soccer field and practices the long and triple jump on an uneven roll-out runway on a sloping field. And he’s never complained.”

Perdrizet has maintained a 3.18 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his 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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