

## **MEAD SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WASHINGTON 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 Simon Rosselli of Mead Senior High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Washington 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 Rosselli as Washington’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, 230-pound senior throwing talent set state records in the discus and shot put this past season. Rosselli won the discus at the Nike Outdoor Nationals and his state-record winning throw of 225 feet, 8 inches at that meet ranked No. 1 nationally among prep boys competitors this spring and No. 5 in prep history. He also set the state mark in the shot at the Legends Twilight Invitational with his mark of 68 feet, 9 inches, which ranked No. 3 nationally this spring. He won both the discus and shot at the Class 4A state meet, leading the Panthers to the state team title, and was the discus champion at the USATF Under-20 Championships, earning himself a spot at the Under-20 World Championships in August in Oregon.

A member of the Mead High School National Honor Society, Rosselli has volunteered locally as a youth track and football coach. “Simon is one of the most incredible athletes and incredible teammates that I’ve ever observed in 20 years of coaching,” said Matt Blaine, head coach of Gonzaga Preparatory School. “At the Walla Walla Legends Invite, they had to move the entire discus flight off campus because he was throwing too far for the facility.”

Rosselli has maintained a 3.98 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete at the University of Oregon 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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