

MARATHON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WISCONSIN 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 Chris Marcell of Marathon High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Wisconsin 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 Marcell as Wisconsin’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 state’s returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot-2, 245-pound senior throwing talent broke his own meet record in the shot put this past season with a mark of 63 feet, 7 inches at the Division 3 state meet, leading the Red Raiders to a second straight team title. Marcell also won the discus event at the state meet for the second straight year. His season-best effort in the shot of 69-1 at the DC Everest Boys Invitational ranked No. 2 nationally among prep boys competitors this spring, while his throw of 212-0 at the same meet in the discus ranked No. 4 nationally. Marcell took silver in the discus event at the USATF Under-20 Championships earlier this month to earn All-American status. He holds the state record in the discus of 220-8, which ranks No. 10 in prep history.

Marcell has volunteered locally on behalf of elderly neighbors by cutting firewood, mowing lawns and shoveling snow. He has also donated his time as a youth track coach. “Chris has shown himself to be a phenomenal athlete,” said Nate Koch, head coach of Three Lakes High School. “He was routinely well above the competition. He’s really on a different level.”

Marcell has maintained a 3.47 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete at the University of Oklahoma 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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