

**LOOMIS CHAFFEE SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE CONNECTICUT BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (February 13, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Alexander Fisher** of **Loomis Chaffee School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Connecticut Boys Cross Country Player of the Year**. Fisher is the second Gatorade Connecticut Boys Cross Country Player of the Year to be chosen from Loomis Chaffee School.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes for their success on the field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Fisher as Connecticut’s best high school boys cross country athlete, and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Lukas Verzbicas (2009-10 & 2010-11, Carl Sandburg High School, Illinois), Edward Cheserek (2012-13, St. Benedict’s Preparatory School, New Jersey) and Daniel Simmons (2022-23 & 2023-24, American Fork High School, Utah).

The 5-foot-8, 118-pound junior took second this past season at the New England Preparatory School Athletic Council Division I Cross Country Championships with a time of 15:19, leading the Pelicans to a runner-up team finish. Fisher trailed only eventual national Foot Locker Cross Country Championships winner Tam Gavenas of Massachusetts, and finished in the top two of every race this season prior to his 20th-place showing at the national NXN Final, where he earned Third Team All-American status. He is a three-time All-NEPSAC selection.

Fisher has volunteered locally as part of Loomis Chaffee’s disciplinary committee. “Placing either first or second in every race leading to Nike Cross Nationals, Fisher certainly timed his peak with tremendous precision,” said Rich Gonzalez of PrepCalTrack. “Fisher’s excellent placing in his season finale produced Connecticut’s first NXN All-American since 2007.”

Fisher has maintained an A average in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports – football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field – and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. 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 state winners in each sport.

Fisher joins recent Gatorade Connecticut Boys Cross Country Players of the Year Steven Hergenrother (2023-24 & 2022-23, Ridgefield High School) and Gavin Sherry (2021-22 & 2020-21, Conard High School), among the state’s list of former award winners.

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 \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 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.