

OAK MOUNTAIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE ALABAMA BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 25, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Cooper Jeffcoat** of **Oak Mountain High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Alabama Boys Track & 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 success on the field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Jeffcoat as Alabama's best high school track & field athlete, and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Alan Webb (2000-01, South Lakes High School, Va.), Kerron Clement (2002-03, Laporte High School, Texas) and Christian Miller (2023-24, Creekside High School, FL).

The 6-foot-2, 130-pound middle-distance and distance talent won the national title in the 800-meter run at the RunningLane Track Championships, clocking a state-record time of 1:49.75, which ranked No. 28 nationally among prep boys competitors. He competed in three events at the Class 7A state meet to lead the Eagles to sixth place as a team, winning the 800, taking third in the 1600 with a personal-best 4:12.93 and scoring with a sixth-place finish in the 400.

He has volunteered locally on behalf of the OTM youth track program and is a devoted parishioner of his Church of the Highlands congregation. "Jeffcoat set a state record in the 800 en route to a national title," Rich Gonzalez, editor of PrepCalTrack.com. "Throw in his range from 400 meters out to 1600 and he's got a very impressive resume this spring."

Jeffcoat has maintained a 3.47 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 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.

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, Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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