

CLOVIS NORTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE CALIFORNIA 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 **McKay Madsen** of **Clovis North High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade California 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 Madsen as California'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, 230-pound senior throws specialist swept the shot put and discus events at the CIF State Meet this past season and his personal-best effort of 69 feet, 11 inches in the shot ranked No. 3 nationally among boys prep competitors this spring. Madsen earned dual All-American honors in both events at Nike Outdoor Nationals, taking second in the shot and fourth in the discus. His personal-best discus throw of 211-6.5 ranked No. 5 nationally.

An Eagle Scout with the Boy Scouts of America, Madsen's Eagle Project was to rehabilitate the pavilion at the Fresno Discovery Center by giving it a fresh coat of paint and replacing the roof. He has volunteered locally at the Madera Welfare Vineyard and the Poverello House, a homeless shelter. He has also donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church youth group. "McKay Madsen finishes his prep career as the most consistent discus thrower and best combination shot-discus talent in Golden State history," said Rich Gonzalez, editor for PrepCalTrack.com. "He's also one of only five preps in national history to have amassed personal bests of 69-11 and 211 or better in those respective events. He's truly a king of the ring."

Madsen has maintained a 4.13 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete at Brigham Young University 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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