

ARCHBISHOP CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA 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 **Jake Odey-Jordan** of **Archbishop Carroll High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade District of Columbia 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 Odey-Jordan as District of Columbia'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 state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot, 180 pound junior sprinter earned dual All-American status at New Balance Nationals Outdoor this past season, placing third in both the 100- and 200-meter dash events. Odey-Jordan's 100 time of 10.31 seconds in the semifinal round ranked No. 17 nationally among prep boys competitors this spring. He also ran the third leg on Archbishop Carroll's 4x200-meter relay squad that set an NBNO meet record with a time of 1:23.64. He swept the 100 and 200 at the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference Championships, and his season-best mark in the 200 of 20.60 seconds at the East Coast International ranked No. 8 nationally.

Odey-Jordan has volunteered locally with the Humane Rescue Alliance and the Archbishop Carroll Food Pantry. He has also donated his time on behalf of the Special Olympics and as an Archbishop Carroll student ambassador. "Jake is a dynamic force on the track, combining explosive speed with unwavering determination," said Desmond Dunham, head coach of St. John's College High School. "His combination of speed, accomplishments and character makes him a standout."

Odey-Jordan has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to compete at the University of Florida beginning in the fall of 2026.

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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