

DUDLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NORTH CAROLINA 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 **Le'Ezra Brown** of **Dudley High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade North Carolina 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 Brown as North Carolina'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-1, 170-pound senior swept both hurdle events at the Class 3A state meet this past season, leading the Panthers to the team title. Brown's winning time of 13.25 seconds in the 110-meter high hurdles ranked No. 2 nationally among boys prep competitors this spring. His season-best time of 36.49 in the 300 intermediate hurdles at the state meet ranked No. 13 nationally, while his runner-up performance in the 110 hurdles at Nike Outdoor Nationals secured him All-American honors.

A member of his school's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Brown has volunteered locally as part of multiple community service initiatives through his church. "The Le'Ezra Brown Tour motored through top fields throughout the season," said Rich Gonzalez, editor for PrepCalTrack.com. "And he looked absolutely spectacular doing so."

Brown has maintained a weighted 3.02 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete at the University of Georgia 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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