

MEMPHIS CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE TENNESSEE 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 **Miles Nesmith** of **Memphis Central High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Tennessee 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 Nesmith as Tennessee'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, 180-pound junior jumps specialist won the high jump and triple jump at the Class 3A state meet this past season, soaring 51 feet, 7.5 inches in the latter to set a state record with an effort that ranked No. 2 nationally among boys prep competitors this spring. Nesmith cleared 6-10 in the high jump at the state meet, bettering his previous high by 4 inches, and two weeks later, eclipsed that mark at the Tennessee Association Championships when he leapt 7-2.5, which ranked No. 5 nationally at the time of his selection and put him at No. 2 on the state's all-time list. He won the national title in the long jump (24-3.5) at Nike Outdoor Nationals and earned the silver medal in the triple jump.

Nesmith has volunteered locally as a youth track coach. "Miles has a great work ethic that any coach would love," said Rashad Haynes, head coach of Memphis Central High School. "He tends to over-analyze situations, but he tends to always perform at a high level once he simply competes."

Nesmith has maintained a B 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.

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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