

MERCER ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WASHINGTON 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 **Owen Powell** of **Mercer Island High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Washington 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 Powell as Washington'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, 150-pound senior middle distance and distance talent finished 11th in the 1500-meter run against a professional field at the Portland Track Festival, clocking a 3:36.49, which ranked No. 1 nationally among prep boys competitors this spring and No. 2 in prep history. Powell also finished second in the 800 at the Brooks PR Invitational with a state-record time of 1:46.63, which ranked No. 2 nationally. He also set a state record in the 3200-meter run at the KingCo Class 3A Championships, breaking the tape in 8:38.98.

A member of his school's Interact Club, Powell has volunteered locally as a youth track mentor and motivational speaker. "Owen Powell emerged as arguably the greatest hybrid multi-lap talent in national prep history," said Rich Gonzalez, editor for PrepCalTrack.com. "He's so good already and big racing opportunities remain ahead this summer."

Powell has maintained a 3.70 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete at the University of Washington 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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