

MARATHON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WISCONSIN 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 **Chris Marcell** of **Marathon High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Wisconsin 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 Marcell as Wisconsin'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, 210-pound junior throws specialist set meet records in both the discus and shot put at the Division 3 state meet this past season, leading the Red Raiders to the team title. Marcell's winning mark of 211 feet, 4 inches in the discus outdistanced his next-closest competitor by 47 feet. He set a state record in the discus a week earlier at the Division 3 Stratford Regional Meet with a throw of 220-8, which ranked No. 2 nationally among prep boys competitors this spring. His personal-best shot put effort of 61-6.5 at the Marawood Conference Meet ranked No. 80 nationally.

Marcell has volunteered locally on behalf of elderly neighbors, cutting firewood, mowing lawns and shoveling snow. He has also donated his time as a youth track coach. "I have watched Chris and I've had throwers compete against him for three years now," said Jake Knapmiller, head coach of Abbotsford High School. "The focus and dedication to off-season training is evident in his abilities. His technical work has made him excel faster than average kids."

Marcell has maintained a 3.45 GPA 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](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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