

## ATASCOCITA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE TEXAS GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (June 24, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Mia Maxwell** of **Atascocita High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Texas Girls 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 Maxwell as Texas' best high school girls track & field athlete, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Sanya Richards (2001-02, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Fl.), Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17, Union Catholic High School, N.J.) and Angelina Napoleon (2022-23, Allegany-Limestone Central School, N.Y.).

The 5-foot-7 junior sprint sensation won the Nike Outdoor Nationals title in the 100-meter dash and set a state record in the event at the UIL Class 6A state championships this past season. That latter clocking of 11.04 seconds ranked No. 2 nationally among prep girls competitors this spring and No. 3 worldwide in the U20 age group. Maxwell added another national crown in the USATF U-20 National Championships 200 final with a personal-best time of 23.10, which ranked No. 10 in the country. She also won an individual state title in the triple jump, leading the Eagles to second place as a team. Her wind-legal PR triple jump of 42 feet, 6.5 inches at the UIL Class 6A Region III meet ranked No. 4 nationally.

A practiced viola player in the school orchestra, Maxwell has volunteered locally with Humble ISD's Fill the Bus project, where toy donations are collected and presented to elementary-age disadvantaged children. She has also donated her time serving at the World Christian Fellowship Church Family Fun Day. "While going unbeaten in the 100 in a state like Texas gives you instant credibility, Mia Maxwell also broke the state record in the event to become Queen of Speed in a national hotbed for the dashes," said Rich Gonzalez of PrepCalTrack.com "She's a straight-ahead, low-energy-bleed powerpack in the last 30 meters."

Maxwell has maintained a 3.83 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her 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](https://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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