

# CHICAGO BEARS ANNOUNCE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL COACH AND PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS - WEEK 3

The Chicago Bears have officially named Starr Dorsey, head coach of John Hersey High School in Arlington Heights, as the Chicago Bears Girls' Flag Football Coach of the Week and Layah Glover, running back/defensive back from Round Lake High School, as the Chicago Bears Girls' Flag Player of the Week for Week 3.

These awards recognize excellence in leadership and team commitment, highlighting efforts to support young female athletes and expand girls' flag football throughout Illinois. As part of this program, the Chicago Bears will make a \$2,000 donation to the John Hersey football program and a \$500 donation to the youth football program of Glover's choice.

## **Starr Dorsey**

In the inaugural season of Hersey Huskies' Flag Football program, Head Coach Starr Dorsey quickly established herself and her team as top contenders. With a strong 9-1 start to the season, the Huskies won five of their six games last week, solidifying their status as a formidable force in the league. It started on a high note on Sept. 9, with a 12-6 victory over Palatine High School. Despite their first loss of the season on Sept. 11 against William Fremd High School (22-6), Dorsey inspired the Huskies to bounce back strongly at the Evanston Jamboree, where they went 4-0 over the weekend. The Huskies secured victories against Glenbrook North High School (20-18), Mother McAuley High School (30-0), Evanston High School (28-14) and Elk Grove High School (36-6). Daughter of a high school offensive coordinator, Dorsey has carried on the family legacy with her extensive football knowledge and ability to lead, motivate and inspire her team. As a former softball coach and current teacher in the CLS program for students with cognitive disabilities, she consistently exemplifies what it means to be a role model. This school year, Dorsey has even involved her players in working with CLS students, who have quickly become some of the Huskies' biggest fans. The Huskies are now set to face their conference rivals, the Conant Cougars, at James B. Conant High School on Monday, Sept. 23.



## **Layah Glover**

This past week, senior running back and defensive back Layah Glover led the Round Lake Panthers to an undefeated 5-0 week, extending their overall season record to an impressive 11-3. As both a key player on offense and defense, and the captain of the Panthers, Glover led the team with 10 touchdowns, 14 flag pulls and four interceptions throughout the week. The Panthers kicked off their week on Tuesday, Sept. 10, with a 26-10 win over North Chicago High School, where Glover contributed 99 total yards through passing, rushing and receiving, while adding five tackles and an interception on defense. The team secured two mid-week wins, defeating Larkin High School 26-12 and an overtime defensive 7-6 battle over the Zion-Benton High School. On Saturday, Sept. 14, the Panthers hosted a home double-header, shutting out Grant Community High School 30-0 and securing a 7-6 overtime victory against Antioch High School. Glover leads the team with a season average of 18 points, 99 total yards, five tackles and one interception per game, solidifying her status as one of the top players in the area. The Panthers are now set to face their conference rivals, the Wauconda Bulldogs, at Wauconda High School High School on Friday, Sept. 20.



## **About High School Girls' Flag Football Coach of the Week & Player of the Week**

The Chicago Bears launched the High School Girls' Flag Football Coach of the Week and Player of the Week programs in 2024 to recognize outstanding high school coaches and players in the rapidly growing sport of girls' flag football. The Coach of the Week award honors coaches who excel in developing players' skills, leadership, teamwork and advocating the growth of the sport. The Player of the Week program highlights players for their on-field game-changer performance, sportsmanship and community involvement. Winners are selected weekly throughout the IHSA flag football season by a panel of local sports journalists. For more information, please visit [ChicagoBears.com/Community/High-School-Football](https://ChicagoBears.com/Community/High-School-Football).

