

CHICAGO BEARS ANNOUNCE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' FLAG FOOTBALL COACH AND PLAYER OF THE WEEK AWARD WINNERS - WEEK 5

The Chicago Bears have officially named Greg Taylor, head coach of Guilford High School in Rockford, as the Chicago Bears Girls' Flag Football Coach of the Week and Myonna Johnson, running back from Charles A. Prosser Career Academy in Chicago, as the Chicago Bears Girls' Flag Player of the Week for Week 5.

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 Guilford football program and a \$500 donation to the youth football program of Johnson's choice.

Greg Taylor

This past week, Coach Greg Taylor led the undefeated Guilford Vikings to another impressive series of victories, keeping their perfect 13-0 record intact. With a 7-0 mark in conference, the Vikings secured wins against Hampshire High School (35-0), Bolingbrook High School (41-12) on Sept. 21, Lakes High School (20-14) on Sept. 23 and Harlem High School (42-0) on Sept. 25. Taylor's strategic approach and focus on teamwork have put his team in the best position to succeed, while also ensuring the players have fun on the field. Over the past three years, Taylor has guided his teams to a stellar 33-4 record, including two finishes in the top four of the Chicago Bears Girls Flag State Championships. Taylor has been a cornerstone of flag football in Rockford for over two decades, playing a pivotal role in making girls' flag football an official IHSA sport. His involvement with the Rockford Park District's NFL Flag program, the second-longest running in the country, has been instrumental in the sport's growth. For the past 22 years, Taylor has overseen coach and referee development programs and mentored thousands of youth athletes in the community. Two years ago, when the Chicago Bears donated funds to help introduce high school girls to flag football, Taylor immediately took action. Within weeks, he registered over 40 girls from Guilford, encouraging other schools to join the league. His tireless efforts also include leading clinics and camps for coaches and athletes across the area. This fall, Taylor's Guilford varsity girls volunteered to help with the launch of the Rockford Park District's new Middle Schools Girls Flag Football Program. The Vikings are set to host their final game of the regular season against Freeport High School from Freeport, on Saturday, Oct. 5.



Myonna Johnson

This past week, junior running back Myonna Johnson delivered standout performances for the Prosser Falcons, solidifying her status as a key player. Her contributions led to three straight victories for the Falcons. On Sept. 25, she helped secure a 14-0 shutout against Ogden International High School. Three days later, on Sept. 28, she played a crucial role in back-to-back wins, defeating Comer High School 36-16 and dominating Lincoln Park High School 32-2. In those games, Johnson racked up 110 rushing yards and two touchdowns on just five carries, while adding 90 receiving yards and another touchdown. Her versatility on both offense and defense has been a major factor in the Falcons' strong season, as they now hold a 5-2 conference record. Overall season stats, Johnson has rushed for 1,107 yards on 47 carries, averaging 23.6 yards per carry, with nine rushing touchdowns, including an 80-yard run. In the passing game, she has 45 receptions for 1,065 yards, averaging 23.7 yards per reception. With 22 total touchdowns and 137 points, she's one of the most dangerous dual-threat players in the game. Defensively, Johnson has recorded 20 tackles, four interceptions and 135 return yards from those interceptions. She's also added four pass break-ups, showcasing her ability to impact both sides of the ball.



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.

