

CHICAGO BEARS NAME LUKAS ROSSOW SEVENTH RECIPIENT OF THE 2026 COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL ALL-STAR AWARD

The Chicago Bears announce Lukas Rossow, a senior student-athlete at Durand High School in Durand, Ill., as the seventh recipient of the 2026 Community High School All-Star Award, brought to you by Athletico Physical Therapy.

As part of its ongoing recognition of high school student-athletes throughout March and April who demonstrate leadership, character and a positive impact beyond the game, the Chicago Bears highlight Rossow for his consistent commitment to serving others while excelling academically and athletically.

Nominated by his coaches at Durand High School, located in northwest Illinois near Rockford, Rossow was described as a student-athlete who demonstrates leadership, character and consistency across all areas of his life. Rossow has made a meaningful and consistent impact in his community through his volunteer work at a local food pantry, where he regularly dedicates his time to supporting individuals and families facing food insecurity in the Durand community. In this role, he assists with organizing and distributing meals, helping ensure that essential resources are accessible to those in need. He also participates in delivering food directly to homes, providing support to individuals who may not have the ability to travel to the pantry themselves.

The commitment he puts into giving back to his community is reflected in his approach to his education. Rossow currently maintains a 4.06 GPA while balancing multiple athletic responsibilities. His academic performance earned him Academic All-State recognition from the Illinois High School Football Coaches Association, highlighting his ability to manage both academic and extracurricular responsibilities at a high level. He plans to attend the University of Missouri this fall to continue his post-secondary education.

Rossow's leadership also extends into athletics, where he has built a reputation as a multi-sport contributor in football, golf and basketball. During his senior season, he earned all-conference honors in both football and golf while balancing overlapping seasons in the fall. He was also selected to participate in the 52nd Annual Illinois High School Shrine Game this past winter, an event that brings together top high school football players from across the state while supporting a local children's hospital by raising awareness and funds to provide specialized medical care regardless of a family's ability to pay.

This past season, Rossow served as the starting quarterback and team captain, playing a central role in leading his team to a 7-4 overall record and a second-round playoff appearance. The team's season came to an end against the eventual IHSA state champion, but his leadership on the field was defined by his ability to bring teammates together, maintain composure and set the tone for consistent effort.

On the golf course, Rossow qualified for the IHSA Class 1A State Finals, finishing among the top 20 competitors. His success across multiple sports highlights his versatility and commitment to continuous improvement, while also reflecting his ability to perform at a high level in different competitive environments. Rossow continues to set an example as a student-athlete who approaches each area of his life with purpose, demonstrating how consistent effort, leadership and service can create a meaningful impact both within a school and throughout a community.

As part of the Community High School All-Star Award, each recipient will receive a custom hand-painted football, a gift bag and an invitation to a future Chicago Bears event. Additionally, the Chicago Bears will donate \$500 to a charitable organization of the honoree's choosing.

About Community High School All-Star Award

Now in its sixth year, the Community High School All-Star Award continues to highlight student-athletes who make meaningful contributions to their schools and communities. In partnership with Athletico Physical Therapy, the Chicago Bears created this initiative to recognize high school football and girls flag football players who use their leadership, teamwork and service to create a lasting impact beyond the season. The program encourages student-athletes to stay engaged in their communities during the offseason, using their platform to give back through volunteerism, mentorship and service initiatives. Since its inception, the program has recognized more than 45 student-athletes and contributed more than \$22,500 to charitable organizations selected by the honorees.

