

WESTMOORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OKLAHOMA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (May 23, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced **Kale Davis of Westmoore High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Player of the Year**. Davis is the third Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Westmoore High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Davis as Oklahoma's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Davis joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo High School, Mich.), Jon Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Preparatory School, Wash.), David Price (2003-04, Blackman High School, Tenn.), Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas), Rick Porcello (2006-2007, Seaton Hall Preparatory School, N.J.) and Kris Bryant (2009-10, Bonanza High School, Nev.).

The 6-foot-4, 220-pound senior right-handed pitcher and infielder compiled a 9-1 record with a 0.36 ERA to go with 94 strikeouts and 17 walks in 58 innings, leading the Jaguars to the Class 6A quarterfinals this past season. The 2019 Central Oklahoma Athletic Conference Pitcher of the Year and the No. 2-ranked prep prospect in the state by Perfect Game, Davis also batted .329 with 17 RBI and an on-base percentage of .508.

A member of the National Honor Society, Davis has volunteered locally on behalf of Reaching Our Community food pantry, City Rescue Mission and as part of multiple community service initiatives in association with his church youth group. "Kale Davis is one of the most competitive high school players I have ever been around as a coach," said Westmoore head coach Joe Patterson. "He was always prepared every time his number was called and he expected to win. Even though he was considered an elite player, he always put the team first and was a great leader for us the last two seasons.

Davis has maintained a 3.78 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Oklahoma State University beginning this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school 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. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Davis joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Players of the Year Tyler Polk (2017-18, Duncan High School), Ryan Vilade (2016-17, Stillwater High School), Cacy Harper (2015-16, Berryhill High School), Kyle Tyler (2014-15, Westmoore High School), and Gavin LaValley (2013-14, Carl Albert High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Davis also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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