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WILSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (May 21, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Collin Bosley-Smith of Wilson High School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Player of the Year**. Bosley-Smith is the second Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Wilson 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 Bosley-Smith as District of Columbia'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, Bosley-Smith 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 District's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot-4, 190-pound senior right-handed pitcher and shortstop participated in the Perfect Game National Showcase in June. A two-time Washington Post All-Met selection, he led the Tigers to the 2018 DCSAA championship and a runner-up finish in 2019. He concluded his prep baseball career with an 18-6 pitching record, a 1.12 ERA and 164 strikeouts.

Bosley-Smith has volunteered locally with the ImpACTA Kids Foundation and as a youth baseball coach, and he has donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church. "Collin was a relentless competitor on the biggest stages," said Jimmy Silk, head coach of Wilson High. "He lifted our program to new heights as our ace over the last four years."

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 and 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.

Two-time winner Bosley-Smith joins recent Gatorade District of Columbia Baseball Players of the Year Zach Tsakounis (2017-18, St. John's College High School), Jack Roberts (2016-17, St. John's College High School), Cam Remalia (2015-16, St. John's College High School), and A.J. Lee (2014-15, St. John's College High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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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