

MOUNTAIN VIEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE IDAHO BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 1, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Cooper Schneidt of Mountain View High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Idaho Baseball Player of the Year.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes for their excellence in sport, academics and community. The award recognizes Schneidt as Idaho’s best high school baseball player and he joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park, TX), MacKenzie Gore (2016-17, Whiteville High School, NC) and Seth Hernandez (2024-25, Corona High School, CA).

The 5-foot-11, 170-pound sophomore shortstop had led the Mavericks (23-10) within one win of a berth in the 6A state championship game this past season. Schneidt batted .422 with 29 RBI, 43 runs scored and 15 extra-base hits. He was the 6A Southern Idaho Conference Player of the Year and was also named to the 6A postseason All-Tournament Team.

Schneidt has volunteered locally as a peer tutor for special needs students. He has also donated his time as a youth baseball coach, offering individual lessons to young players. “Cooper Schneidt is an absolute beast,” said Christian Colonel, Highland High School head coach. “I’ve watched him play for a couple years now and I’m more impressed each time. The kid is fearless at the plate, he covers every pitch (location) and his will to have a quality at-bat is impressive. It would be impressive to do what he does if he were a senior. To watch a sophomore do this is unreal.”

Schneidt has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his junior year of high school this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one state winner from each of the 50 states and Washington D.C., in 12 different sports: football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field. In total, 610 high school athletes are honored each year. From the pool of state winners, one national winner is selected in each of the 12 sports. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the winners in each sport.

As part of Gatorade’s commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$6.4 million in grants to winners across more than 2,200 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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