

SOUTH SALEM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OREGON BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 1, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Teagan Scott of South Salem High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Oregon 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 Scott as Oregon'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, 210-pound senior catcher led the Saxons to a 19-9 record and a berth in the 6A state tournament this past season. Scott batted .558 with a state-best 11 homers, scoring 46 runs and swiping 22 bases on his way to compiling an OPS of 1.897. Behind the plate, he threw out six of 19 attempted base-stealers through 28 games. Ranked as the nation's No. 214 prospect in his class by Perfect Game, he also participated in USA Baseball's 2024 16U/17U National Team Development Program and played for the 2023 USA Baseball U15 National Team.

An avid game hunter, Scott has volunteered locally with South Salem's Unified Program, which pairs youth athletes with intellectually challenged peers in celebration of sport. He has also donated his time as a youth baseball instructor. "Scott is among the top-five baseball players I've seen or coached against in 25 years in the dugout," said Luke Buchheit, head coach of Sprague High School. "He's the best hitter on the field, he's the fastest player on the field and he's the most knowledgeable on the field. His baseball IQ is incredible. He's basically a coach on the field and has been for four years. If I were starting a team, he would be the first guy I would draft."

Scott has maintained a 3.91 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball at Oregon State University 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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