

**MT. LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE PENNSYLVANIA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 1, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Graham Keen of Mt. Lebanon High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Pennsylvania 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 Keen as Pennsylvania’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 6-foot-5, 220-pound junior right-handed pitcher and centerfielder posted a 7-1 record on the mound with a 0.88 ERA this past season, leading the Blue Devils (13-8) to the Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League Class 6A Tournament quarterfinals. Keen struck out 71 batters while walking just 13 in 55.2 innings. Ranked as nation’s No. 10 recruit in the Class of 2027 by Prep Baseball Report, he posted a .417 batting average with four home runs, 21 runs scored, 14 RBI and a .717 slugging percentage.

Keen has volunteered locally as a youth baseball coach. “Graham is a tremendous player both offensively and on the mound,” said Tim Buzzard, head coach of Hempfield Area High School. “He makes a massive impact on how you coach the game against their offense. You have to be so careful because of the power he possesses. On the mound, he throws four pitches for strikes and he can be overpowering.”

Keen has maintained a weighted 4.10 GPA in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to play baseball at Vanderbilt University beginning in the fall of 2027.

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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