

## **CHRISTIAN BROTHERS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE TENNESSEE BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 1, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Will Brick of Christian Brothers High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Tennessee 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 Brick as Tennessee'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-2, 200-pound senior catcher and third baseman posted a .526 batting average with five home runs and 25 RBI this past season, leading the Purple Wave (25-6) to the Division II, Class AA state tournament quarterfinals. Brick scored 28 runs while posting a .651 on-base percentage and a .921 slugging percentage. Named to the All-World Team at catcher at the 2025 U-18 Baseball World Cup for Team USA, he's ranked as the nation's No. 7 recruit in the Class of 2026 by Perfect Game.

A student ambassador at Christian Brothers, Brick has volunteered locally with his school's Best Brothers program. He has also donated his time as a youth baseball coach. "Will knows the game, wants to play every day and his ability to captain the game from behind the plate makes our job a lot easier," said Jason Motte, head coach of Christian Brothers High School. "His passion for the game and willingness to try to make others around him better are astonishing."

Brick has maintained a weighted 3.41 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball on scholarship at Mississippi State University this fall, but is projected as an early-round selection in July's Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft.

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](http://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](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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