

BIXBY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OKLAHOMA FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (December 6, 2019) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Brennan Presley of Bixby High School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Oklahoma Football Player of the Year**. Presley is the first Gatorade Oklahoma Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Bixby 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 Presley as Oklahoma’s best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award to be announced in December, Presley joins an elite group of past state football award-winners, including Emmitt Smith (1986-87, Escambia High School, Fla.), Matthew Stafford (2005-06 Highland Park High School, Texas) and Christian McCaffrey (2012-13, 2013-14, Valor Christian High School, Colo.).

The 5-foot-9, 168-pound senior wide receiver and defensive back had led the Spartans to a 12-0 record and a berth in the Class 6A-II state championship game at the time of his selection. Presley caught 82 passes for 1,398 yards and 23 touchdowns through 12 games, and intercepted seven passes, returning two for scores. He was an All-State selection by the Daily Oklahoman and the Tulsa World as a junior.

Also a track and field standout, Presley has volunteered locally on behalf of food-donation drives for the needy, elementary school reading initiatives and youth sports camps. “Presley is a dynamic football player,” said Jason Sport, head coach at Bartlesville High. “He has a great grasp of when to use his speed and when to be patient. You can line him up almost anywhere you want, and his effort on every play is exhausting for his opponents.”

Presley has maintained a 3.13 GPA in the classroom. He has verbally committed to play football on scholarship at Oklahoma State University next fall.

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.

Presley joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Football Players of the Year Daxton Hill (2018-19, Booker T. Washington High School), Payton Scott (2017-18, Charles Page High School), Brandon George (2016-17, Jones High School), and Mason Fine (2015-16 and 2014-15, Locust Grove High School), among the state’s list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade’s cause marketing platform “Play it Forward,” Presley has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

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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