

**PIGEON FORGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE TENNESSEE BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 3, 2022) — In its 37<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Dylan Loy** of **Pigeon Forge High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Tennessee Baseball Player of the Year**. Loy is the second Gatorade Tennessee Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Pigeon Forge 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 Loy as Tennessee's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Loy joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo High School, Mich.), Jon Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Preparatory School, Wash.), David Price (2003-04, Blackman High School, Tenn.), Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas), Rick Porcello (2006-2007, Seaton Hall Preparatory School, N.J.) and Kris Bryant (2009-10, Bonanza High School, Nev.).

The 6-foot-1, 160-pound junior left-handed pitcher and outfielder posted a 12-1 record with a 0.59 ERA and 126 strikeouts against just 20 walks in 59.2 innings pitched this past season, leading the Tigers (27-4) to the Class 2A state title game. A TSSAA Class 2A Mr. Baseball finalist, Loy also batted .422 with 34 RBI, 49 runs scored and 17 stolen bases, compiling an OPS of 1.206.

A devoted parishioner in his church community, Loy has donated his time preparing and delivering meals to disadvantaged families during the holidays. He has also volunteered by assisting the elderly with yard work and clean-up activities in addition to serving as a youth baseball coach. "Dylan Loy is a very special player," said Josh Warner, head coach at Powell High School. "He is, without a doubt, one of the most talented players that I have seen in a long time. Not only is he an unbelievable player, but he's one of the best teammates around as well. You can tell he has worked extremely hard to get to where he is."

Loy has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Tennessee beginning in the fall of 2023.

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 & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. 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 state winners in each sport.

Loy joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Baseball Players of the Year Cooper Kinney (2020-21, Baylor School), Robert Hassell (2019-20 & 2018-19, Independence High School), and Ryan Weathers (2017-18, Loretto High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Gatorade has a long-standing history of serving athlete communities and understands how sports instill valuable lifelong skills on and off the field. Through Gatorade's "Play it Forward" platform, Loy has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national organization of their choosing that helps young athletes realize the benefits of playing sports. Loy is also eligible to submit a short video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

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 [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).

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