

**DELAWARE MILITARY ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE DELAWARE BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 2, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Tyler August** of **Delaware Military Academy** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Delaware Baseball Player of the Year**. August is the first Gatorade Delaware Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Delaware Military Academy.

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 August as Delaware'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, August joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jackson Holliday (2021-22, Stillwater High School, Okla.), Bobby Witt Jr. (2018-19, Colleyville Heritage High School, Texas), Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas) and Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo High School, Mich.).

At the time of his selection, the 6-foot-2, 205-pound senior right-handed pitcher, first baseman and catcher had led the Seahawks to a 17-2 record and the state tournament quarterfinals. August went 6-1 with a 1.29 earned run average, striking out 87 batters in 49 innings through 19 games. Ranked as the state's top recruit in the Class of 2023 by Perfect Game, he'd posted a .411 batting average and a .500 on-base percentage with a home run, 20 RBI and 10 walks entering the round of eight.

An accomplished wrestler and member of the Seahawks' 2022 state title team, August has donated his time locally on behalf of the Salvation Army and has volunteered as a youth baseball coach. "(Tyler) has been a focal point of a very good DMA team for the past three years and has had high expectations placed on him since he was a sophomore," said Chris Murphy, head coach at Newark Charter School. "He has lived up to those expectations, dominating both at the plate and on the mound. He's an exciting talent with a bright future."

August has maintained a 3.11 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Delaware this 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 & 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.

August joins recent Gatorade Delaware Baseball Players of the Year Tyler Pirrung (2021-22, Conrad Schools of Science), Lorenzo Carrier (2020-21 & 2019-20, Appoquinimink High School), and Matt Warrington (2018-19, Sussex Tech High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade's Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade's social impact partners, supporting Gatorade's ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

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