JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OREGON 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 **Noble Meyer** of **Jesuit High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Oregon Baseball Player of the Year**. Meyer is the second Gatorade Oregon Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Jesuit 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 Meyer as Oregon'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, Meyer 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, Colleybille 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-5, 195-pound senior right-handed pitcher and first baseman had led the Crusaders (26-5) to the Class 6A state final. Meyer compiled a 10-1 record through 31 games, posting a 0.33 ERA with 128 strikeouts and just 19 walks in 63 innings pitched. Ranked as the nation's No. 4 prospect in the Class of 2023 by Prep Baseball Report, Meyer batted .373 with five home runs, 27 RBI, 16 walks and 17 runs scored. A USA Baseball Prospect Development Pipeline participant, he also owned .488 on-base percentage and .720 slugging percentage entering the title game.

Meyer has volunteered locally as a youth baseball coach. "Noble is a stud—he competes and he does it the right way," said Kyle Chamberlain, head coach at Southridge High School. "His stuff on the mound is evident, and he backs it up with the ability to throw any pitch in any count for a strike. Take him off the mound and he is probably on the shortlist for this award as a first baseman as well. He can hit with the best bats in our state."

Meyer has maintained a weighted 3.54 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Oregon this fall, but is projected as a first round selection in July's Major League Baseball draft.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Meyer joins recent Gatorade Oregon Baseball Players of the Year Paul Wilson (2021-22, Lakeridge High School), Mason Guerra (2020-21, Westview High School), and Mick Abel (2019-20 & 2018-19, Jesuit 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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