WATERFORD UNION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WISCONSIN 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 **Dylan Questad** of **Waterford Union High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Wisconsin Baseball Player** of the Year. Questad is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Waterford Union 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 Questad as Wisconsin'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, Questad 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-1, 202-pound senior right-handed pitcher and outfielder had led the Wolverines (20-4) to the Division I regional championship game. Questad compiled a record of 4-0 and posted a 0.00 earned run average with 69 strikeouts and just 13 walks in 33.2 innings pitched through 24 games. Ranked as the No. 42 prospect in the Class of 2023 by Perfect Game, he also batted .383 with a home run, eight RBI, 11 walks, 10 steals and 15 runs scored, posting a .500 on-base percentage and a .617 slugging percentage.

Questad has volunteered locally on behalf of multiple community service organizations, including the Veterans Affairs office in Waterford, the Perfect Game Cares Foundation and Make-a-Wish Wisconsin. "Dylan is an outstanding athlete and an intense competitor," said Scott Staude, head coach at Burlington High. "An amazing pitcher with a mid-90s fastball and an arsenal of other pitches, he is a true bulldog on the mound. I am very impressed with his maturity and baseball IQ. Dylan is also a very good hitter for his Waterford team. The future is very bright for him."

Questad has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Arkansas this fall.

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.

Questad joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Baseball Players of the Year Mitch Voit (2021-22, Whitefish Bay High School), Owen Washburn (2020-21, Webster High School), Max Wagner (2019-20, Preble High School), and Connor Prielipp (2018-19, Tomah 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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