

**MILLARD WEST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEBRASKA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 3, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Tyson Lewis** of **Millard West High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Nebraska Baseball Player of the Year**. Lewis is the sixth Gatorade Nebraska Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Millard West High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Lewis as Nebraska's best high school baseball player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Gary Sheffield (1985-86, Hillsborough High School, Fla.), Alex Rodriguez (1992-93, Westminster Christian School, Fla.), Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas) and Max Clark (2022-23, 2021-22 & 2020-21, Franklin Community High School, Ind.).

The 6-foot-2, 200-pound senior shortstop led the Wildcats to a 33-5 record and the Class A state championship this past season. Lewis batted .496 with eight home runs and 41 RBI while scoring 53 runs. He compiled a .579 on-base percentage and 1.491 OPS while also stealing 31 bases. Named to Perfect Game's 2024 Midwest Preseason Dream Team, he ranks as MLB Pipeline's No. 43 overall draft prospect.

Lewis has volunteered locally with the Yutan Youth Baseball Camp. He has also participated in Millard West's Leadership Academy. "We have played them a number of times and Tyson is a really tough out," said Otis Seals, head coach at Westside High School. "Sometimes, you can get him to two strikes and he will just foul off pitches until he finds one to drive and hit a double. I really think it's special to see what Tyson has done day in and day out."

Lewis has maintained a 3.86 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Arkansas this fall but is projected to be an early round selection in July's 2024 Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft.

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.

Lewis joins recent Gatorade Nebraska Baseball Players of the Year Cam Kozeal (2022-23 & 2021-22, Millard South High School), Drew Christo (2020-21, Elkhorn High School) and Max Anderson (2019-20, Millard West High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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