

OREGON CITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OREGON VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 9, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Paige Thies** of **Oregon City High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Player of the Year**. Thies is the second Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Player of the Year to be chosen from Oregon City High School.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes for their success on the court, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Thies as Oregon’s best high school volleyball player, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as April Ross (1999-00, Newport Harbor High School, Ca.), Kerri Walsh Jennings (1995-96, Archbishop Mitty High School, Ca.) and Ayden Ames (2023-24, Prosper High School, Texas).

The state’s returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot-2 senior outside hitter amassed 520 kills and 131 digs this past season, leading the Pioneers (23-7) to the Class 6A state title match. Thies also recorded 69 service aces and posted a .517 kill percentage along with a .382 hitting percentage. Ranked as the nation’s No. 39 recruit in the Class of 2025 by PrepDig.com, Thies is a two-time Oregonian Player of the Year and a three-time Three Rivers League Player of the Year. She concluded her prep volleyball career with a school-record 1,823 kills.

Thies has volunteered locally as a youth volleyball coach. “By far, Paige has been the most dominant player in our league and the state,” said Kathy Walker, head coach of West Linn High School. “Her power and crafty shots were hard to stop. Not only can she hit, but she can pass and play defense. We changed our blocking and defensive strategy just for Paige and [still] couldn’t stop her.”

Thies has maintained a weighted 4.11 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play volleyball at the University of Arizona this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports - 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.

Two-time winner Thies joins recent Gatorade Oregon Volleyball Players of the Year Alexis Haury (2022-23 & 2021-22, Silverton High School) and Daley McClellan (2020-21, Canby 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 \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 organizations.

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