## WETHERSFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE CONNECTICUT BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 3, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Cam Righi of Wethersfield High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Connecticut Baseball Player of the Year.

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 field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Righi as Connecticut's best high school baseball player, and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Gary Sheffield (1985-86, Hillsborough High School, Florida), Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas) and Konnor Griffin (2023-24, Jackson Preparatory School, Mississippi).

At the time of his selection, the 6-foot-4, 240-pound senior catcher had led the Eagles (15-5) to the state postseason tournament. Righi batted .491 with six home runs and 30 runs scored, producing a .642 on-base percentage, 1.036 slugging percentage and a 1.678 OPS. He also stole 26 bases on 29 attempts and posted a .600 isolated power percentage. A two-time Class L All-State selection in both baseball and football, he's ranked as the No. 19 prospect in Connecticut's Class of 2025 by Perfect Game and No. 20 in New England by Prep Baseball.

A National Honor Society member, Righi has volunteered locally with Wethersfield Little League as a camp instructor. "Cam is the absolutely the best high school baseball player in Connecticut, and I don't think it's close," said New Britain high school head coach Ryan Tufano. "He's one of the best hitters I've seen in my almost 15 years of coaching high school baseball. He hits for power, average and has great discipline. He's truly a force, and his presence changes how you play Wethersfield [High School]."

Righi has maintained a 4.0 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball at the University of Connecticut 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 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.

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.

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