

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN DAY SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE GEORGIA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 3, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Keon Johnson of First Presbyterian Day School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Georgia 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 Johnson as Georgia'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-2, 190-pound junior shortstop had led the Vikings (32-3) to a berth in the Georgia Independent Athletic Association (GIAA) Class AAAA state championship game. The 2025 GIAA District 6 Region Player of the Year, Johnson batted .524 with 10 home runs, 67 runs scored, 47 RBI and a .643 on-base percentage through 35 games. Ranked as the nation's No. 6 prospect in the Class of 2026 by Prep Baseball, he also stole 25 bases without being caught and struck out just six times in 142 plate appearances.

Having completed more than 120 hours of community service during his high school career, Johnson has volunteered locally on behalf of Meals on Wheels America, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Georgia and as a youth baseball instructor. "Keon Johnson is a true student of the game," said Jason Godbee, head coach at Bulloch Academy. "He approaches baseball with humility and passion, constantly absorbing knowledge to elevate not only his own performance, but also that of his teammates. He shares what he learns freely and enthusiastically, helping create a stronger, more cohesive team."

Johnson has maintained a 3.40 GPA in the classroom. He has verbally committed to play baseball on scholarship at Vanderbilt University beginning in the fall of 2026.

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.

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 playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.