

LYLE PACELLI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MINNESOTA 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 Hunter VaDeer of Lyle Pacelli High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Minnesota 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 VaDeer as Minnesota'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-1, 205-pound senior right-handed pitcher and outfielder had led the Athletics (17-3) to the Class A state tournament, scheduled to begin June 11. VaDeer compiled a 4-1 record on the mound with a 0.19 ERA and 83 strikeouts in 37.2 innings pitched through 20 games. A two-time First Team All-State selection and the state's No. 3 ranked prospect in the Class of 2025 by Prep Baseball, he also batted .418 with eight home runs, 37 RBI, 27 runs scored while producing a 1.377 OPS.

A two-year varsity baseball captain and the president of his school's chapter of the National Honor Society, he has played an active role on the prom committee and has volunteered locally to support local cancer fundraising auctions. "Hunter VaDeer is a true five-tool player with a live fastball and two outstanding secondary pitches he can throw in any count," said Lyle Pacelli High School head coach Brock Meyer. "He's provided our program with invaluable leadership on and off the field through his hard work, dedication to the game and commitment to his community."

VaDeer has maintained a 4.20 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball at Creighton University 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.

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.