ELKHORN SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEBRASKA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 3, 2025) — In its 40^{th} year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Brody Jindra of Elkhorn South High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Nebraska 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 Jindra as Nebraska'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).

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound junior shortstop and right-handed pitcher led the Storm (19-12) to the Class A state tournament Bracket 2 final this past season. Jindra batted .419 with 19 RBI, 36 runs scored and 12 stolen bases. He also went 5-1 on the mound with a 1.34 ERA and 51 strikeouts in 47 innings pitched.

Jindra has volunteered locally providing relief at tornado destruction sites in 2024. He has also donated his time by coaching at youth baseball camps. "Jindra was really good on the mound and at the plate against us," said Pat Mooney, Creighton Preparatory School head coach. "He's the best player in the state."

Jindra has maintained a 3.32 GPA in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to play baseball at the University of Nebraska beginning in the fall of 2026.

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>.