

## STILLWATER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OKLAHOMA 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 Ethan Holliday of Stillwater High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Oklahoma 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 Holliday as Oklahoma'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-4, 215-pound senior shortstop led the Pioneers (25-8) to the quarterfinals of the 6A state tournament this past season. Holliday batted .611 with 64 RBI and 19 home runs while drawing 44 walks to compile an OPS of 2.038 and an isolated power percentage of .684. Ranked as the top high school prospect in the Class of 2025 by Prep Baseball Report and Perfect Game and considered the No. 1 high school draft prospect by Baseball America, he also scored 57 runs this past season and finished with a slugging percentage of 1.295.

Holliday has volunteered locally by leading bible studies for high school and college athletes in Stillwater. He has also donated his time to various community service initiatives through Compassion International, a faith-based organization combating childhood poverty. "He covers the entire plate with pop. There's really nowhere to go and feel great about missing a barrel—just make your best pitch and know that he's hitting it hard," said Dean Wilson, head coach at Bixby High School. "Stillwater is an entirely different team without Ethan in the lineup. With him, you even have to pitch to 7-8-9 knowing he's lurking."

Holliday has maintained a 3.04 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball at Oklahoma State University this fall, but is projected as a first-round selection in July's Major League Baseball First Year Player Draft.

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](https://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](https://x.com/Gatorade).