ABINGTON HEIGHTS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE PENNSYVANIA 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 Nick Bradley of Abington Heights High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Pennsyvania 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 Bradley as Pennsyvania'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, 200-pound junior right-handed pitcher and third baseman had led the Comets (17-4) to the Class 5A District II postseason tournament semifinals. Bradley compiled a 9-0 record on the mound with a 0.39 ERA in 53.1 innings through 21 games, posting an 86-9 strikeouts-to-walks ratio and a 0.509 WHIP. Opposing hitters were batting .104 against him entering the district round of four. Ranked as the nation's No. 156 prospect in his class by Baseball America, he also batted .478 with an OBP of .506 and an OPS of 1.245, driving in 30 runs through 21 games.

Bradley has volunteered locally by cleaning up a local cemetery and helping to repair grave sites. Part of a student-leadership group at his school, he has also donated his time as a youth baseball instructor. "Bradley has stood out on the mound from an early age and took another step forward this spring," said Ben Badler, an underclass rankings analyst for Baseball America. "His athleticism helps him repeat his sound mechanics to fill the strike zone with his fastball, and he complements that pitch with a feel for both his breaking ball and changeup. He has the look of a pitcher who projects to be a starter at the next level."

Bradley has maintained a 94.4 weighted average in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school 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>.