

HOUSTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE TENNESSEE 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 Ryan Mitchell of Houston High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Tennessee 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 Mitchell as Tennessee'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-3, 190-pound senior shortstop batted .468 with 10 home runs, 61 runs scored and 52 RBI this past season, leading the Mustangs (29-15) to the Division I-AAAA sectional final. Ranked as the nation's No. 26 prospect in the Class of 2025 by Perfect Game, Mitchell stole 38 bases in 39 attempts, compiling a .621 on-base percentage and an OPS of 1.531. He was also a 2025 Tennessee Mr. Baseball finalist.

A member of the National Honor Society including four years on the academic honor roll, Mitchell is a devoted parishioner in his church community, through which he has volunteered locally on behalf of a food bank. "Ryan Mitchell is an explosive high school athlete with the ability to take over a game at any moment," said Houston High School head coach Lane McCarter. "Every time he steps into the batter's box, it feels like a can't-miss moment. He has the maturity of a veteran major league player and the plate discipline of a future Hall of Famer. He has such a bright future in professional baseball."

Mitchell has maintained a 4.03 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball at Georgia Tech 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 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.