PUYALLUP HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WASHINGTON 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 Mason Pike of Puyallup High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Washington 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 Pike as Washington'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, 195-pound senior right-handed pitcher and infielder had led the Vikings (29-0) to a berth in the Class 4A semifinals. Pike compiled a 10-0 record on the mound with a 0.22 ERA and 110 strikeouts in 64 innings pitched through 29 games. The state's No. 2 ranked prospect in the Class of 2025 by Perfect Game and Prep Baseball, he also batted .480 with 35 runs scored, 25 RBI and a 1.280 OPS.

Pike has volunteered locally on behalf of multiple community service initiatives, including as a youth baseball coach in association with New Level Puyallup. "Mason Pike is the most well-rounded athlete and competitor I've coached in my 30 years of coaching," said Puyallup High School head coach Marc Wiese. "He's the most talented player I've ever worked with and has done everything the right way, both on and off the field. He is humble and carries a maturity well beyond his years."

Pike has maintained a 3.90 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play baseball at Oregon State University 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 studentathletes, 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>.