## BOOKER T. WASHINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OKLAHOMA BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (June 25, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Kyler Brown** of **Booker T. Washington High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Oklahoma Boys Track & Field 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 Brown as Oklahoma's best high school track & field athlete, and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Alan Webb (2000-01, South Lakes High School, Va.), Kerron Clement (2002-03, Laporte High School, Texas) and Christian Miller (2023-24, Creekside High School, Fl.).

The 5-foot-11, 175-pound senior sprinter won the 100- and 200-meter dash events while anchoring the winning 4x100-meter relay quartet at the Class 5A state meet this past season, leading the Hornets to a fifth place as a team. In the preliminary rounds of the 100 at the state meet, Brown broke the tape in a state-record 10.12 seconds. His season-best, wind-legal 100 time of 10.20 seconds at the Jenks Trojan Varsity Invitational ranked No. 9 nationally among boys prep competitors this spring while his personal-best 200 clocking of 21.06 ranked No. 57 nationally at the time of his selection. He capped his spring season by earning All-American honors in the 100 at Nike Outdoor Nationals via a fourth-place finish.

A member of the Booker T. Washington High School Chinese Club, Brown has volunteered locally as part of multiple community service initiatives through his school's Hornets for Christ Organization. "Kyler is fast, for sure," said Ted Smith, head coach of Glenpool High School. "I don't think you could get any better than him this spring. He is a very special athlete on the field and off."

Brown has maintained a 3.62 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to compete at Ohio 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 student-athletes, visit <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u>, Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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