MOORE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OKLAHOMA GIRLS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 24, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Libby Jaques of Moore High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Oklahoma Girls 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 Jaques as Oklahoma's best high school girls track & field athlete, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Sanya Richards (2001-02, St. Thomas Aquinas High School, Fl.), Sydney McLaughlin-Levrone (2014-15, 2015-16 & 2016-17, Union Catholic High School, N.J.) and Angelina Napoleon (2022-23, Allegany-Limestone Central School, N.Y.).

The 6-foot-1 senior throws specialist set a state record in the shot put at the 5A-6A Moore Regional Championships this past spring, and her effort of 49 feet, 1 inch ranked No. 11 nationally among girls prep competitors this spring. Despite dealing with a knee injury, Jaques was undefeated on the year, culminating in a second straight title at the Class 6A state meet, where she launched a meet-record throw of 47-3. An All-State softball player in the fall for Moore High School, she was the 2024-25 Daily Oklahoman Athlete of the Year for all sports.

Jaques was an occupational and physical therapy intern at elementary school physical education classes in her area. She has also volunteered locally with the Moore Public Schools Big Cat Games, a special education event, and she has donated her time as a youth softball, basketball and track coach. "Libby was fun to watch this year," said Tyler Sergent, head coach of Edmond Memorial High School. She's a strong competitor and has a lot of natural talent in the sport. You don't see many athletes like her."

Jaques has maintained a 4.01 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play softball at Oklahoma 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 <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.

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