

West Linn quarterback Tim Tawa named Gatorade Oregon Football Player of the Year



West Linn sophomore quarterback Tim Tawa has thrown for 37 touchdowns this season. (Randy L. Rasmussen/The Oregonian)

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West Linn sophomore quarterback **Tim Tawa** has been named the Gatorade Oregon Football Player of the Year. He becomes eligible to win the Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award, which is announced in December.

Tawa guided the Lions to a 9-3 record, a five-win improvement from West Linn's 2013 campaign, and an appearance in the 6A quarterfinals where they fell 47-7 to Central Catholic. The Lions' quarterfinals appearance was the deepest tournament run the team had made in five years.

The 5-foot-11, 160-pound quarterback piled up 2,943 yards, 38 touchdowns, and six interceptions on 187 of 264 completions. He has committed to play baseball at Stanford in 2017.

Past Oregon winners of the Gatorade Player of the Year Award include: Keegan Lawrence, Sherwood (2013), Jake LaCoste, West Albany (2012), Steven Long, Lake Oswego (2011), Brett Smith, West Salem, (2010), Jordan Johnson, Sheldon (2009), Jack Lomax, Lake Oswego (2008), and Cory McCaffrey, Sisters (2007).

Tawa is the first football player to win the award from West Linn.

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