

## BISHOP GUERTIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (May 23, 2019) — In its 34<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced **Brett Anderson of Bishop Guertin High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Player of the Year**. Anderson is the second Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Guertin High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Anderson as New Hampshire's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award to be announced in May, Anderson joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo High School, Mich.), Jon Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Preparatory School, Wash.), David Price (2003-04, Blackman High School, Tenn.), Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas), Rick Porcello (2006-2007, Seaton Hall Preparatory School, N.J.) and Kris Bryant (2009-10, Bonanza High School, Nev.).

The 6-foot-1, 210-pound junior left-handed pitcher and first baseman had led the Cardinals to a 14-3 record at the time of his selection. Anderson compiled a 4-1 record with a 1.00 ERA through 17 games, along with a .469 batting average and 14 RBI. He had allowed just 24 hits in 35 innings pitched while striking out 57 batters. He was a First Team All-State selection as a sophomore and a Second Team honoree as a freshman.

Anderson has volunteered locally on behalf of youth baseball and basketball programs. "Anderson is a lefty who throws the ball hard and has a real plus curveball," said Brent Demas, head coach at Londonderry High. "He can be dominant on the mound, and he's become a great hitter too. He hit a home run about 450 feet against us."

Anderson has maintained a B average in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school 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. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Anderson joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Players of the Year Grant Lavigne (2017-18 & 2015-16, Bedford High School), Brennen Oxford (2016-17, Oyster River High School), Casey Aubin (2014-15, Oyster River High School), and Rob Del Signore (2013-14, Londonderry High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Anderson also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit [www.Gatorade.com/POY](http://www.Gatorade.com/POY), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Gatorade](https://www.twitter.com/Gatorade).

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