

BISHOP HENDRICKEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE RHODE ISLAND BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (May 23, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced **Tucker Flint of Bishop Hendricken High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade Rhode Island Baseball Player of the Year**. Flint is the twelfth Gatorade Rhode Island Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Hendricken 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 Flint as Rhode Island'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, Flint 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-2, 205-pound senior outfielder had led the Hawks to a 17-0 record at the time of his selection. Flint owned a .545 batting average with eight doubles and seven triples in just 44 at-bats through 17 games. While posting a .662 on-base percentage and a 1.045 slugging percentage, he'd scored 30 runs, drawn 16 walks and driven home 17 runs. A two-time All-State selection, he is ranked as the nation's No. 246 prospect in the Class of 2019 by Perfect Game.

Flint has volunteered locally with Save the Bay, and he has donated his time to multiple fundraising campaigns to benefit breast cancer research. "Tucker Flint has shown throughout this year that he is the top hitter in the state," said Andy Tuetken, head coach of Cumberland High. "He has tremendous power to all fields and wears out pitchers with his approach at the plate. He can change the game with one swing of the bat."

Flint has maintained a 3.0 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Maryland 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.

Flint joins recent Gatorade Rhode Island Baseball Players of the Year Ben Sears (2017-18, East Providence High School), Sam Kenyon (2016-17, South Kingstown High School), Mason Feole (2015-16, The Prout School), and Gian Martellini (2014-15 & 2013-14, Bishop Hendricken High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Flint 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, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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