

**TWIN FALLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE IDAHO BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (May 21, 2020) — In its 35<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Magnum Hofstetter of Twin Falls High School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Idaho Baseball Player of the Year**. Hofstetter is the third Gatorade Idaho Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Twin Falls 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 Hofstetter as Idaho'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, Hofstetter 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 5-foot-11, 165-pound senior right-handed pitcher, shortstop and catcher was the 2019 Great Basin Conference Player of the Year for the Bruins. Hofstetter compiled a .460 batting average with 45 runs scored, 21 RBI and 14 extra-base hits, while posting a .581 on-base percentage and .670 slugging percentage. On the mound, Hofstetter was 4-2 with two saves and a 0.62 earned run average, striking out 37 in 34 innings pitched. A two-time Idaho Select Team member with the Twin Falls Cowboys American Legion team, Hofstetter hit .380 with 57 runs scored last summer for the Cowboys and went 5-1 on the mound with a 2.21 ERA.

Hofstetter has volunteered locally with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley and as a youth baseball coach. "Magnum was one of the most versatile players in our league," said Tim Stadelmeir, head coach of Twin Falls High. "If he were on the field at shortstop, catcher or pitcher—in any of those positions—he would be the best in our league at the position."

Hofstetter has maintained a 3.85 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play baseball on scholarship at the College of Southern Idaho.

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 and 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.

Hofstetter joins recent Gatorade Idaho Baseball Players of the Year Gabe Hughes (2017-18, Rocky Mountain High School), Ethan Christianson (2016-17, Rocky Mountain High School), Parker Price (2015-16, Timberline High School) and Parker Price (2014-15, Timberline High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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](http://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Gatorade](http://www.twitter.com/Gatorade).

