

**SOUTH BURLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE VERMONT BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 21, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Jack Ambrosino of South Burlington High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Vermont Baseball Player of the Year. Ambrosino is the first Gatorade Vermont Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from South Burlington 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 Ambrosino as Vermont'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, Ambrosino 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, 195-pound senior right-handed pitcher is rated Vermont's No. 1 prospect in the Class of 2020 by Prep Baseball Report. A three-time All-Metro selection, Ambrosino compiled a career ERA of 1.66 along with a 1.04 WHIP. He led the Wolves (12-5) to the Division 1 quarterfinals in 2019, posting a 4-2 record with one save and a 1.04 ERA. Ambrosino surrendered 20 hits and 14 walks in 33.2 innings pitched, while striking out 47 batters last spring.

A member of his school's peer leadership program, Ambrosino has volunteered locally on behalf of a Big Buddy basketball program, blood-donation drives and youth baseball teams. "Jack is a special kid with a special arm," said South Burlington coach Luke Goyette. "Somewhere between the ages of 13 and 14, he gained a compelling urge to work on his game and get better every day. It's different than anything I've ever seen. It's really unfortunate that he didn't get to go out there as a senior, but he's going to continue to work hard at the next level."

Ambrosino has maintained a 4.19 GPA in the classroom. He will attend the College of the Holy Cross, where he will play baseball.

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.

Ambrosino joins recent Gatorade Vermont Baseball Players of the Year Nick Fitzgerald (2017-18, Lamoille Union High School), Jordy Allard (2016-17, Hartford High School), Mark Connor (2015-16, Bellows Free Academy), and Rayne Supple (2014-15, Champlain Valley Union 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, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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