

GORHAM HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MAINE BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 1, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Hunter Finck of Gorham High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Maine Baseball Player of the Year.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes for their excellence in sport, academics and community. The award recognizes Finck as Maine’s best high school baseball player and he joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park, TX), MacKenzie Gore (2016-17, Whiteville High School, NC) and Seth Hernandez (2024-25, Corona High School, CA).

At the time of his selection, the 6-foot-1, 205-pound junior right-handed pitcher and first baseman had led the Rams to an 12-1 record entering the state’s Class A postseason this past season. Finck compiled a 4-0 record on the mound over 23.2 innings with a 0.30 ERA and 37 strikeouts through 13 games. He also batted .558 with 17 RBI, 19 runs scored, a home run for an OPS of 1.486. A two-time Southwestern Maine Activities Association (SMAA) First Team All-Conference selection, he’s ranked as the nation’s No. 339 overall prospect in his class by Perfect Game and the No. 1 player in Maine.

Finck has volunteered locally as an umpire with the Gorham Youth Baseball and Softball association in addition to donating his time as a baseball instructor. “Finck is very good,” said Nick Mirabello, head coach at Marshwood High School. “I like how he carries himself as a baseball player and competitor. It’s awesome intensity and performance. He gets a vote from us.”

Finck has maintained a 3.4 GPA in the classroom. He has verbally committed to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Alabama in the fall of 2027.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one state winner from each of the 50 states and Washington D.C., in 12 different sports: football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field. In total, 610 high school athletes are honored each year. From the pool of state winners, one national winner is selected in each of the 12 sports. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the winners in each sport.

As part of Gatorade’s commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$6.4 million in grants to winners across more than 2,200 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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