

**PENN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE INDIANA 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 **Ryan Lynch of Penn High School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Indiana Baseball Player of the Year**. Lynch is the first Gatorade Indiana Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Penn 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 Lynch as Indiana'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, Lynch 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, 196-pound senior left-handed pitcher and outfielder compiled a career record of 20-3 on the mound along with a 2.18 ERA and 201 strikeouts in 130.1 innings for the Kingsmen. He batted .378 with eight home runs, 90 RBI and an OPS of 1.000 in his varsity career. A 2019 First Team All-State selection, Lynch is the state's No.1 prospect as ranked by Perfect Game.

An accomplished drummer and pianist, Lynch has volunteered locally on behalf of the Key Club, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and Big Brothers Big Sisters of America. "Ryan Lynch is a quiet leader who leads with his play on the field and his determination to win at the highest level," said Jay Hundley, head coach of the Canes Midwest travel team. "He has the ability to play multiple positions and is extremely athletic and intelligent beyond his years in terms of his understanding of the game of baseball."

Lynch has maintained a 3.83 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Notre Dame.

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.

Lynch joins recent Gatorade Indiana Baseball Players of the Year Nicholas Schnell (2017-18, Roncalli High School), Garrett Schoenle (2016-17, Northrop High School), T.J. Collett (2015-16, Terre Haute North Vigo High School) and Ashe Russell (2014-15, Cathedral 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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