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**BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA 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 **Carson Wells of Bishop Gorman High School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Nevada Baseball Player of the Year**. Wells is the eighth Gatorade Nevada Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Gorman 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 Wells as Nevada'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, Wells 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, 190-pound senior outfielder is the state's No. 3 prospect as rated by Perfect Game, was a 2019 Area Code Games invitee this past August and a First Team All-State selection in both 2018 and 2019. He batted .365 with two home runs, 24 RBI and 28 runs scored for the Gaels in 2019, leading Gorman to a 21-10 record and a berth in the Class 4A Southwest Division playoffs.

Wells has volunteered locally on behalf of Three Square, the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Miracle League of Las Vegas. "Carson Wells plays the game with emotion and passion which is rare with the young athletes of today," said Bishop Gorman head coach Gino DiMaria. "He is the special player you want to see in a crucial situation. His skills are advanced for the next level and he is a special centerfielder who has huge range, exceptional speed and swings from the left side with big-time power."

Wells has maintained a 4.01 GPA in the classroom and is the co-valedictorian of his graduating class. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Southern California.

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.

Wells joins recent Gatorade Nevada Baseball Players of the Year Austin Pfeifer (2017-18, Arbor View High School), Austin Wells (2016-17, Bishop Gorman High School), Nick Quintana (2015-16, Arbor View High School) and Cadyn Grenier (2014-15, Bishop Gorman 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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