

**WINNACUNNET HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 29, 2021) — In its 36th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Cam MacDonald of Winnacunnet High School** as its **2020-21 Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Player of the Year**. MacDonald is the second Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Winnacunnet 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 MacDonald as New Hampshire's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award to be announced in July, MacDonald 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-6, 155-pound senior catcher posted a .484 batting average with eight home runs, 32 runs scored and 28 RBI this past season, leading the Warriors to a 15-4-1 record and a berth in the Division I state final. The 2021 Baseball Coaches Association of New Hampshire co-Player of the Year, MacDonald also compiled an OPS of 1.642 and guided a pitching staff that produced a 1.89 team ERA, striking out 184 batters in 129 innings.

MacDonald has volunteered locally as camp counselor and as a youth baseball coach. "Cam MacDonald is the hardest-working player I have ever coached," said Winnacunnet High head coach Aaron Abood. "He has worked to become bigger, faster and more athletic. He has been extremely coachable and a leader since his freshman year."

MacDonald has maintained a 3.77 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Maine this fall.

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 & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which works with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

MacDonald joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Players of the Year Connor Hujsak (2019-20, Goffstown High School), Brett Anderson (2018-19, Bishop Guertin High School), Grant Lavigne (2017-18, Bedford High School), and Brennen Oxford (2016-17, Oyster River High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," MacDonald has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. MacDonald is also eligible to submit a 30-second video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$2.7 million across 1,117 organizations.

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 playeroftheyear.gatorade.com, on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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