

**AMERICAN FORK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE UTAH BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 29, 2021) — In its 36<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Fisher Ingersoll of American Fork High School** as its **2020-21 Gatorade Utah Baseball Player of the Year**. Ingersoll is the first Gatorade Utah Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from American Fork 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 Ingersoll as Utah'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, Ingersoll 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-3, 185-pound junior shortstop led the Cavemen to a 30-1 record, the Class 6A state championship and a No. 22 national ranking by Perfect Game this past season. Also the 2021 Deseret News Mr. Baseball award winner, Ingersoll posted a batting average of .610 with 44 runs scored and 41 RBI to go with 13 doubles, seven triples and four home runs. He swiped 12 bases in as many attempts and compiled an OPS of 1.037. In six postseason tournament games en route to the title, he batted .789 (15 -of-19) with a triple, two home runs and eight runs scored. Ranked as the nation's No. 84 middle infielder in the Class of 2022 by Prep Baseball Report, he also reached base safely in 22 of 23 regular-season games.

A five-year participant in the school district's peer tutor program, Ingersoll has donated his time by working with disabled and special needs students in addition to caroling during the holidays at a local retirement community. He has also participated in his school's Sub-for-Santa initiative that benefits underserved students at his school in addition to volunteering at the Alpine School District track meet and the Lone Peak rivalry baseball game, both of which serve students with disabilities. "Fisher Ingersoll owns a next-level skill set in all phases of the game—hitting, defense, arm strength and competitive drive," said Joel Sato, head coach at Bingham High. "He was a key player in American Fork's run to the 6A title. He drove in big runs in big situations to power their offense. In many games, he was clearly the best player on the field. A two-sport athlete with Division I offers in football, he is well-deserving of this award."

Ingersoll has maintained a 3.70 GPA in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to play baseball at Brigham Young University beginning in the fall of 2022.

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.

Ingersoll joins recent Gatorade Utah Baseball Players of the Year Cooper Vest (2019-20, Dixie High School), Cy Nielson (2018-19, Spanish Fork High School), Austin Deming (2017-18, Snow Canyon High School), and Seth Corry (2016-17, Lone Peak High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Ingersoll has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Ingersoll 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](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com), on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).