

**DICKINSON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 3, 2022) — In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Troy Berg** of **Dickinson High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade North Dakota Baseball Player of the Year**. Berg is the fourth Gatorade North Dakota Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Dickinson 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 Berg as North Dakota's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Berg 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 (2006-07, Seaton Hall Preparatory School, N.J.) and Kris Bryant (2009-10, Bonanza High School, Nev.).

The 5-foot-9, 165-pound senior batted .442 with four triples, two home runs and 10 stolen bases through 26 games, leading the Midgets (23-3) to a berth in the Class A state tournament. Berg produced a 1.353 OPS and drove in 15 runs. A 2021 First Team All-State selection, he struck out only once in 70 plate appearances.

A member of the National Honor Society, Berg has volunteered locally as a mentor for students with special needs and as a youth baseball coach. "Troy Berg makes our program better not only because he is a tremendous athlete, but also because of his grit, work ethic and his expectations of himself," said Dickinson High School head coach Pete Dobitz. "He is always looking out for the little guy and helping others wherever and whenever he can."

Berg has maintained a 3.92 GPA in the classroom. He will attend the University of Jamestown this fall, where he will play baseball.

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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Berg joins recent Gatorade North Dakota Baseball Players of the Year Alex Urlaub (2020-21, Sheyenne High School), Cole Hage (2019-20, Davies High School), Cade Feeney (2018-19, Century High School), and Jake Faircloth (2017-18, West Fargo High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Gatorade has a long-standing history of serving athlete communities and understands how sports instill valuable lifelong skills on and off the field. Through Gatorade's "Play it Forward" platform, Berg has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national organization of their choosing that helps young athletes realize the benefits of playing sports. Berg is also eligible to submit a short 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 \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 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 or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.