

**DOWLING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE IOWA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 2, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Trevor Baumler** of **Dowling Catholic High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Iowa Baseball Player of the Year**. Baumler is the second Gatorade Iowa Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Dowling Catholic 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 Baumler as Iowa'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, Baumler joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jackson Holliday (2021-22, Stillwater High School, Okla.), Bobby Witt Jr. (2018-19, Colleyville Heritage High School, Texas), Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas) and Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo High School, Mich.).

The 6-foot-2, 190-pound junior catcher and outfielder led the Maroons to a 27-15 record and a runner-up finish in Iowa's Class 4A state championship this past season. Baumler batted .487 with 11 home runs, 47 RBI, 32 runs and a 1.448 OPS. He led all 4A hitters in home runs, finished second in batting average and fifth in RBI.

Baumler has volunteered locally with the Miracle League as well as a local food shelter. He has also donated his time to youth baseball camps as an instructor. "Baumler is probably the best high school hitter I've seen in Iowa in a decade," said Ankeny High School head coach Joe Balvanz. "He also sits 92-93 mph on the (mound) and is a TCU commit."

Baumler has maintained a 3.39 weighted GPA in the classroom. He is verbally committed to play baseball on scholarship at Texas Christian University beginning in the fall of 2024.

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.

Baumler joins recent Gatorade Iowa Baseball Players of the Year Aaron Savary (2021-22, Wahlert Catholic High School), Brody Brecht (2020-21, Ankeny High School), and Calvin Harris (2019-20 & 2018-19, Western Dubuque High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade's Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade's social impact partners, supporting Gatorade's ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

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) or follow us on social media on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).

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