

**BISHOP HENDRICKEN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE RHODE ISLAND 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 **Alex Clemmey** of **Bishop Hendricken High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Rhode Island Baseball Player of the Year**. Clemmey is the fourteenth Gatorade Rhode Island Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Hendricken 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 Clemmey as Rhode Island'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, Clemmey 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-6, 215-pound senior left-handed pitcher compiled a 6-1 record with a 0.59 ERA to lead the Hawks to a 19-1 record and a berth in Rhode Island's Division I state baseball tournament. Clemmey struck out 84 batters in 35.2 innings and allowed just seven hits to 137 batters faced entering the playoffs. He is ranked as the No. 15 prospect in the Class of 2023 by Perfect Game, No. 2 prospect in New England by PrepBaseballReport.com and the No. 45 overall prospect in the 2023 MLB Draft by Baseball America.

Clemmey has volunteered locally with the Southern Area Special Olympics as well as on behalf of multiple baseball camps as an instructor. "Guys like him don't come around often," said Lincoln High School head coach Steve Reynolds. "He's a 6-foot-6 lefty who throws the ball 98 miles per hour and can drop a slider or curve for a strike in any count. How can any high school hitter do anything with that? He's nasty."

Clemmey has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Vanderbilt University this fall, but is projected to be an early round selection in July's 2023 Major League Baseball Draft.

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.

Clemmey joins recent Gatorade Rhode Island Baseball Players of the Year Ben Brutti (2021-22, South Kingstown High School), Brandyn Durand (2020-21, Bishop Hendricken High School), Brad Lombardi (2019-20, Bishop Hendricken High School), and Tucker Flint (2018-19, Bishop Hendricken 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).