

**DEXTER SOUTHFIELD SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 3, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Matt Conte** of **Dexter Southfield School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Massachusetts Baseball Player of the Year**. Conte is the second Gatorade Massachusetts Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Dexter Southfield School.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Conte as Massachusetts' best high school baseball player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Gary Sheffield (1985-86, Hillsborough High School, Fla.), Alex Rodriguez (1992-93, Westminster Christian School, Fla.), Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas) and Max Clark (2022-23, 2021-22 & 2020-21, Franklin Community High School, Ind.).

The 6-foot-1, 210-pound senior catcher led Dexter Southfield to an 12-9-1 record and a berth in the Central New England Prep School Baseball League semifinals this past season. Conte batted .459 with four home runs and 15 RBI, producing an on-base percentage of .588 and an OPS of 1.375. He also made just one error on 165 defensive chances behind the plate. A New England Baseball Journal All-CNEPSBL selection, he is ranked as MLB Pipeline's No. 146 overall draft prospect.

Conte has volunteered locally on behalf of his local church community and also provides both hitting and catching lessons to players whose families cannot afford private instruction. "Conte shuts down the running game," said Ryan Suchanek, head coach at Cushing Academy. "He's a power threat in the middle of the lineup, he plays hard and he's been a no-nonsense force at Dexter for four years."

Conte has maintained a 3.26 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Wake Forest University 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Conte joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Baseball Players of the Year Thomas White (2022-23 & 2021-22, Phillips Academy) and Josh Baez (2020-21 & 2019-20, Dexter Southfield School), among the state's list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 organizations.

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 X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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