EXETER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 **Cam Keaveney** of **Exeter High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Player of the Year**. Keaveney is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Exeter High 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 Keaveney as New Hampshire's 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.).

At the time of his selection, the 6-foot-2, 170-pound senior left-handed pitcher and outfielder had led the Blue Hawks (18-1) to a berth in New Hampshire's Division I state tournament this season. Compiling a 4-0 record on the mound with a 1.17 ERA, Keaveney recorded 49 strikeouts and held opponents to a .155 batting average through 19 games. He surrendered just 16 hits in 30 innings pitched. As a hitter, he produced a .471 on-base percentage, swiped six bases and scored 17 runs. A two-time First Team All-State selection, he was also the New Hampshire Division I Boys Hockey Player of the Year, the first player in Exeter history to win the award.

Keaveney has volunteered locally as both a youth hockey and baseball instructor. "He certainly shines on the mound," said Bruce Joyce, head coach at Exeter High School. "He can absolutely dominate when he's on, which is often the case. He's had a really strong senior year and has a good body of work over his three-year varsity career."

Keaveney has maintained a 4.2 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Northeastern University this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Keaveney joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Players of the Year Aiden O'Connell (2022-23, Bedford High School), Joe Allen (2021-22, Winnacunnet High School), Cam MacDonald (2020-21, Winnacunnet High School) and Connor Hujsak (2019-20, Goffstown High 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.

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