

**JUAB HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE UTAH BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 3, 2024) — In its 39<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Austin Park** of **Juab High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Utah Baseball Player of the Year**. Park is the first Gatorade Utah Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Juab 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 Park as Utah’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.).

The 6-foot-2, 173-pound junior shortstop and right-handed pitcher batted .568 with seven home runs and 58 RBI this past season, leading the Wasps (21-8) to the Class 3A semifinals. Park scored 41 runs and compiled a .621 on-base percentage this spring. Ranked as the state’s No. 1 prospect in the Class of 2025 by PrepBaseballReport, the 2023 First Team All-State selection also compiled a 6-1 record on the mound with a 2.03 ERA, 80 strikeouts and just 10 walks in 48.1 innings of work.

A devoted parishioner in his church community, Park has volunteered locally in association with his youth group as part of multiple community cleanup initiatives and holiday food drives. “It was a pleasure to compete against Austin Park and I would definitely pay to come watch him play,” said Jason Jacobsen, head coach at Canyon View High School. “Not too many players can do it all, but he can. He is the ultimate competitor at the plate and in the field. He always seemed to be a good teammate and showed respect and sportsmanship to his fellow competitors.”

Park has maintained a 3.95 GPA in the classroom. He has verbally committed to play baseball on scholarship at Brigham Young University in the fall of 2025.

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.

Park joins recent Gatorade Utah Baseball Players of the Year Ryder Robinson (2022-23, American Fork High School), Luke Anderson (2021-22, Snow Canyon High School), Fisher Ingersoll (2020-21, American Fork High School) and Cooper Vest (2019-20, Dixie 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.

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 X(Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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