

**OWASSO HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® OKLAHOMA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 1, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced **Dylan Bundy of Owasso High School** as its **2010-11 Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Player of the Year** for the third consecutive year. Bundy is also the third Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Owasso 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 Bundy as Oklahoma's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in June, Bundy joins an elite alumni association of past state baseball award winners, including Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Roy Halladay (1994-95, Arvada West HS, Colo.), David Price (2003-04, Blackman HS, Tenn.), Chipper Jones (1989-90, Bolles School, Fla.), Derek Lee (1992-93, El Camino HS, Calif.) and John Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Prep, Wash.).

The 6-foot-1, 200-pound senior right-handed pitcher and third baseman posted an 11-0 record on the mound with a 0.20 ERA, 158 strikeouts and just five walks in 71 innings-pitched this past season, leading the Rams (37-2) to the Class 6A state final. Now a three-time Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Player of the Year, Bundy also batted .467 with 11 home runs, 54 RBIs and 50 runs scored this spring. He tossed eight complete-game shutouts, including one no-hitter, registered a save and allowed only two earned runs to score in 2011. He finished his senior season with a 0.35 WHIP and opposing hitters managed just a 0.81 batting average against him. Bundy is the nation's only three-time winner of Gatorade State Baseball Player of the Year honors in the award's 26-year history. He was an Aflac and Under Armour All-American in 2010 and a Rawlings First Team All-American in 2011.

Bundy has maintained a 3.72 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of First United Methodist Church and Owasso Community Resources holiday service missions since 2009. Bundy has also donated his time as a baseball clinic instructor at Sperry and Owasso high schools since 2008. He recently initiated a grassroots effort for Rams athletes to provide additional humanitarian relief to victims of the Joplin, Mo. tornadoes.

"I believe Dylan Bundy is the best and most polished high school pitcher I have seen in the last 10 years of high school baseball," said Sandy Farrell, head coach of rival Tulsa Memorial High. "His dedication and work ethic is second to none and his abilities on the baseball field speak for themselves."

Bundy has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Texas this fall, but is projected as an early first-round selection in this month's Major League Baseball First-Year Player 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 ESPN RISE and the Gatorade high school sports leadership team, which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Bundy joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Players of the Year Bobby Bundy (2007-08, Sperry) and Peter Kozma (2006-07, Owasso), among the state's list of former award winners.

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