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

CHICAGO (June 2, 2010) — In its 25th 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 2009-10 Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Player of the Year. Bundy is 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 junior right-handed pitcher and third baseman led the Rams (30-7) to the Class 6A state final this past season, posting an 11-1 record, a 1.58 ERA and 164 strikeouts in 79.2 innings while batting .444 with seven home runs, 51 RBIs and an .813 slugging percentage. The returning Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Player of the Year, Bundy is a two-time First Team All-State selection and is rated the nation's No. 4 prospect in the Class of 2011 by Perfect Game USA.

Bundy has maintained a weighted 3.67 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered as part of multiple community service initiatives in association with his church youth group and has served on his school's student council.

"Dylan Bundy is a phenomenal talent with a great work ethic," said Owasso High Head Coach Larry Turner. "I don't think I've ever coached anyone quite like him. The way he works at it and prepares for each game, he's just different from everybody."

Bundy will begin his senior year of high school 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 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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