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**DOVER HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® DELAWARE BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 30, 2012) — In its 27th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Mitchell Moore of Dover High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Delaware Baseball Player of the Year. Moore is the first Gatorade Delaware Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Dover 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 Moore as Delaware's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Moore 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 5-foot-10, 175-pound senior third baseman batted .510 with a home run, 16 RBIs and a .649 on-base percentage this past season, leading the Senators (12-7) to the first round of the Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association state tournament. A 2011 First Team All-State selection, also scored 16 runs and produced a 1.351 OPS.

Moore has maintained a 98.8 average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of multiple community service initiatives in association with the National Honor Society, and as a youth baseball coach.

"Mitchell Moore plays the game hard and has shown a penchant for being able to come up with a timely hit for his team," said Nick Brannan, head coach of Milford High. "As a young man, he has always conducted himself with the type of mannerisms you would hope for with your team leader."

Moore has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on an athletic scholarship at Delaware State 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 ESPNHS 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.

Moore joins recent Gatorade Delaware Baseball Players of the Year Lincoln Lamberton (2010-11, Salesianum School), Taylor Mahoney (2009-10, St. Mark's), Eric Buckland (2008-09; Caravel Academy), and Derrick Gibson (2006-07 & 2007-08, Seaford), among the state's list of former award winners.

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