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**DAVIS COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® IOWA 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 Calvin Mathews of Davis County High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Iowa Baseball Player of the Year. Mathews is the first Gatorade Iowa Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Davis County 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 Mathews as Iowa's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Mathews 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-3, 210-pound senior pitcher and infielder led the Mustangs (33-4) to the Class 2A state championship last season. Mathews posted a 12-1 record on the mound along with a 0.51 ERA, striking out 158 batters and walking just two in 82.2 innings pitched in 2011. At the plate, Mathews batted .467 with 13 home runs, 39 RBIs, 32 runs scored and a .967 slugging percentage. He was the only junior selected to the 2011 Iowa Baseball Coaches Association All-State Super Team.

Mathews has maintained a 3.49 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally with area beautification projects, at a nursing home and as a youth baseball coach.

"Calvin Mathews has the most natural ability on the baseball field that I've seen in my short six-year stint as a head baseball coach," said Cameron Wendt, head coach of rival Clarke High. "He has great command of his fastball and throws very hard. And he's just as good a hitter as he is a pitcher."

Mathews has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Iowa 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.

Mathews joins recent Gatorade Iowa Baseball Players of the Year Austin Christensen (2010-11, Kennedy High School), Damek Tomscha (2009-10, North), Dean McArdle (2008-09; North), B.J. Hermsen (2007-08, West Delaware), and Jon Gilmore (2006-07, City), among the state's list of former award winners.

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