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**BUCKINGHAM BROWNE & NICHOLS STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® MASSACHUSETTS BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 30, 2012) — In its 27<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Rhett Wiseman of Buckingham Browne & Nichols as its 2011-12 Gatorade Massachusetts Baseball Player of the Year. Wiseman is the first Gatorade Massachusetts Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Buckingham Browne & Nichols.

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 Wiseman as Massachusetts' best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Wiseman 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-2, 200-pound senior center fielder has led the Knights to a 16-5 record entering the Etter/Croke Invitational, scheduled for June 1. Through 21 games, Wiseman owned a .444 batting average with eight home runs, 24 RBI and 26 runs scored. A First Team Rawlings/Perfect Game All-American, he is also a three-time First Team All-League honoree and is ranked as the nation's No. 42 senior by ESPNHS.

Wiseman has maintained a B average in the classroom. The president of his school's senior class, he has volunteered locally on behalf of youth baseball programs and has raised funds to benefit the American Cancer Society.

"He's very disciplined at the plate, with a short, compact, powerful swing," said Glenn Disarcina, head coach at Groton School. "Defensively, he has great ability in center field and an above-average arm. He's a five-tool player with a very bright future ahead of him."

Wiseman has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Vanderbilt 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.

Wiseman joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Baseball Players of the Year John Gorman (2010-11, Catholic Memorial School), Kevin Ziomek (2009-10, Amherst Regional), Kyle McKenzie (2008-09; Thayer Academy), Scott Weismann (2007-08, Acton-Boxborough), and Jack McGeary (2006-07, Roxbury Latin School), among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners, and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com).

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