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**EDMOND SANTA FE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® OKLAHOMA 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 Ty Hensley of Edmond Santa Fe High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Player of the Year. Hensley is the first Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Edmond Santa Fe 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 Hensley as Oklahoma's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Hensley 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-5, 220-pound senior right-handed pitcher and third baseman posted a 10-0 record on the mound along with a 1.52 ERA and 111 strikeouts in 55.33 innings-pitched this past season, leading the Wolves (30-9) to the Class 6A semifinals. A 2011 Under Armour All-American Game participant and the No. 26 ranked prospect in the Class of 2012 as rated by ESPNHS, he also batted .447 with 10 home runs, 41 RBIs and 27 runs with a 1.489 OPS.

Hensley has maintained a 3.70 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally visiting patients at the Bethany Children's Center pediatric hospital in addition to donating his time as a youth baseball coach and camp counselor.

"Ty Hensley is a tremendous athlete," said Tony Holt, head coach at Stillwater High. "I've competed against him for three years and he swings the bat well but he's really going to make his mark as a pitcher. He has the size, strength and the athletic ability to be very successful in the future."

Hensley has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on an athletic scholarship at the University of Mississippi 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.

Hensley joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Players of the Year Dylan Bundy (2008-09, 2009-10 & 2010-11, Owasso High School), Bobby Bundy (2007-08, Sperry), and Peter Kozma (2006-07, Owasso), among the state's list of former award winners.

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