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MOUNT SI HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® WASHINGTON 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 Trevor Lane of Mount Si High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Washington Baseball Player of the Year. Lane is the first Gatorade Washington Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Mount Si 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 Lane as Washington's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Lane 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, 195-pound senior left-handed pitcher, outfielder and first baseman posted a 7-1 record on the mound along with a 2.15 ERA and 77 strikeouts in 48.67 innings this past season, leading the Wildcats (20-4) to the Class 3A semifinals. A 2011 First Team All-State selection, he also batted .446 with 19 RBIs, 23 runs-scored and 11 stolen bases in 12 attempts.

Lane has maintained a 3.18 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally in association with his school's Food Ball, preparing meals and gathering canned goods for needy families. He has also donated his time as a youth baseball coach.

"Trevor Lane was the best pitcher we faced all year," said Ryan Carter, head coach at Kamiakin High. "He plays a great centerfield too and in the game we faced them, he threw a runner out at home to end the game. He is absolutely a well-rounded ballplayer."

Lane remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Lane joins recent Gatorade Washington Baseball Players of the Year Trevor Mitsui (2010-11, Shorewood High School), Drew Vettleson (2008-09 & 2009-10, Central Kitsap), Rusty Shellhorn (2007-08, Central Valley), and Greg Peavey (2006-07, Hudson's Bay), among the state's list of former award winners.

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