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**CLACKAMAS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® OREGON BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 28, 2013) — In its 28th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Austin Kelly of Clackamas High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Oregon Baseball Player of the Year. Kelly is the second Gatorade Oregon Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Clackamas 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 Kelly as Oregon's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Kelly joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, 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.), Derrek Lee (1992-93, El Camino HS, Calif.) and John Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Prep, Wash.).

The 6-foot-3, 215-pound senior right-handed pitcher led the Cavaliers to a 25-3 record and a berth in the Class 6A state quarterfinals against Thurston High, scheduled for May 24. Kelly owned an 8-1 record with a 1.46 ERA and 44 strikeouts in 48.0 innings-pitched entering the postseason round of eight. Also a third baseman, Kelly batted .408 with three home runs, six stolen bases, 10 doubles, 21 RBI and 22 runs scored through 28 games. A returning Class 6A First Team All-State selection as named by The Oregonian, he recorded a .505 on-base percentage and a .684 slugging percentage.

Kelly has maintained a 3.00 GPA in the classroom. In addition to donating his time as a youth baseball instructor, he has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, Feed the Hungry, the Oregon Zoo and St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church.

"He is a great baseball player," said J.J. Stolsig, head coach of rival Canby High. "He is dominant on the mound, at the plate and in the field. He makes everyone around him better. Character-wise, he is a great kid. You can tell he really enjoys the game. He plays the right way—hustles on and off the field."

Kelly has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Portland 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 the Gatorade high school sports leadership team in partnership with [USA TODAY High School Sports](#), 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.

Kelly joins recent Gatorade Oregon Baseball Players of the Year Carson Kelly (2011-12 & 2010 - 11, Westview High School), Ben Wetzler (2009-10, Clackamas), Matt Maurer (2008-09 North Medford), Ryan Gorton (2007-08, Tigard), and Joey Mahalic (2006-2007, Wilson) among the state's list of former award winners.

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