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**BRYANT HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® ARKANSAS BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 27, 2014) — — In its 29<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Trevor Ezell of Bryant High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Arkansas Baseball Player of the Year. Ezell is the third Gatorade Arkansas Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bryant 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 Ezell as Arkansas's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Ezell 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.), Derek Lee (1992-93, El Camino HS, Calif.) and John Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Prep, Wash.).

The 5-foot-9, 175-pound senior shortstop led the Hornets (29-2) to the Class 7A state championship game, scheduled for May 23. Ezell batted .526 with six home runs, 45 runs, 41 RBI and a 1.103 slugging percentage through 31 games. A 2013 First Team All-State honoree, he produced a .634 on-base percentage and had stolen 19 bases without being caught at the time of his selection.

Ezell has maintained a 4.12 GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society and a math tutor in his school, he has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, the Bryant Outdoor Leadership Development program and as a youth baseball coach.

"In my honest opinion, Trevor Ezell is the top player in the state of Arkansas," said Bryant Blacksox American Legion assistant coach Jason Thompson. "There are so many things that he can do on and off the field. He is a multi-tool guy who brings defense, offense from both sides of the plate with power, and incredible speed. He goes about his business daily with hard work and dedication to getting better and helping his team be the best they can be."

Ezell has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on an athletic scholarship at Southeast Missouri State 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 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.

Ezell joins recent Gatorade Arkansas Baseball Players of the Year Carson Shaddy (2012-13, Fayetteville High School), Trey Killian (2011-12, Mountain Home High School), Dillon Howard (2010 - 11, Searcy High School), Brandon Moore (2009-10, Van Buren), D.J. Baxendale (2008-09, Sylvan Hills), Tyler Wilson (2007-08, Greenwood), and Scott Sammons (2006-2007, Searcy) 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 [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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