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**CHAMPLAIN VALLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® VERMONT 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 Rayne Supple of Champlain Valley Union High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Vermont Baseball Player of the Year. Supple is the first Gatorade Vermont Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Champlain Valley Union 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 Supple as Vermont's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Supple 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 6-foot-2, 185-pound junior right-handed pitcher and shortstop owned a 4-1 record and a 1.17 ERA for the Redhawks (10-2) at the time of his selection. Through 12 games, Supple fanned 36 batters in 24 innings pitched, surrendering just 10 hits. He also compiled a .343 batting average and drove in 17 runs. A Second Team All-Metro selection as a sophomore, he is a two-time Perfect Game Honorable Mention Underclass All-American.

Supple has maintained a 3.25 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of youth baseball programs.

"Supple is a very impressive player," said Jim Carter, head coach at Mt. Mansfield Union. "He throws very hard, maybe in the low 90s, and he's a good hitter. He's got a lot of natural talent."

Supple will begin his senior year of high school 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.

Supple joins recent Gatorade Vermont Baseball Players of the Year Luke Salerno (2012-13, Essex High School), Cody Sharrow (2011-12, Mt. Mansfield Union High School), Nick Swim (2010 - 11, Bellows Free Academy), Adam Picard (2009-10, Essex), Ryan Carter (2008-09, Proctor), Greg Lutton (2007-08, Mt. Abraham Union), and Casey Harman (2006-2007, South Burlington) 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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