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**SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® KANSAS BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 28, 2015) — In its 30<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 Riley Pint of Saint Thomas Aquinas High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Kansas Baseball Player of the Year. Pint is the first Gatorade Kansas Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Saint Thomas Aquinas 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 Pint as Kansas's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Pint 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 Jon Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Prep, Wash.).

The 6-foot-4, 195-pound junior right-handed pitcher and infielder posted a 5-2 record a 2.20 ERA and 47 strikeouts in 35 innings, leading the Saints (19-3) to the Class 5A regional this past season. A 2014 First Team All-State selection, Pint also produced a .362 average, including a home run and 15 RBI with the bat. He is a 2015 Under Armour All-American and is the No.1 prep prospect in the nation in the Class of 2016 as rated by Perfect Game USA.

Pint has maintained a 3.34 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a peer mentor, on behalf of the Kansas City Rescue Mission and helped found his family's non-profit organization called "Our Birthday Club," through which he and his sister contribute gifts and donations to charity in lieu of their own birthday gifts.

"Without a doubt, Riley Pint is the most impressive young pitcher we have faced in a while," said Brendan McGinnis, head coach at Branson High. "We are blessed to have had the opportunity to face some of the best arms this region has produced over the past few years and he tops them all. His natural ability is obvious, but his mound presence and athletic ability to field his position is equally impressive."

Pint has verbally committed to play baseball on scholarship at Louisiana State University beginning in the fall of 2016.

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.

Pint joins recent Gatorade Kansas Baseball Players of the Year Braden Minor (2013-14, Eisenhower High School), Ryan Colombo (2012-13, Seaman High School), Collin Wiles (2011-12, Blue Valley West High School), Conner Knight (2010-11, Maize High School), Cody Kukuk (2009-10, Free State High School), Garrett Gould (2008-09, Maize), Lee Ridenhour (2007-08, Shawnee Mission West High School), and Derek Norris (2006-07, Goddard) among the state's list of former award winners.

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