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**SULPHUR HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® LOUISIANA 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 Kale Breaux of Sulphur High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Louisiana Baseball Player of the Year. Breaux is the first Gatorade Louisiana Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Sulphur 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 Breaux as Louisiana's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Breaux 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, 180-pound senior left-handed pitcher and outfielder posted a 9-0 record with a 0.12 ERA and 99 strikeouts in 56 innings, leading the Tornados (40-3) to the Class 5A semifinals this past season. A 2014 First Team All-State selection, Breaux batted .330 with a home run, 21 runs scored and a .416 on-base percentage. He was also a member of USA Baseball's 18U National Team that finished 12-0 and captured a gold medal at the 2014 COPABE Pan American Championship last summer.

Breaux has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has participated in numerous fundraiser walks to benefit cancer research and has volunteered locally as a youth baseball coach.

"Kale Breaux is a true baseball player and a shutdown pitcher," said Paul Guerriero, head coach at Nelville High. "He changes the game plan for the opposing team by his presence on the mound alone. He is as gritty of a competitor that I have seen in 20 years of coaching high school baseball."

Breaux has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Mississippi 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.

Breaux joins recent Gatorade Louisiana Baseball Players of the Year Chase Vallot (2013-14, St. Thomas More High School), Jared Poche (2012-13, Lutcher High School), Gavin Cecchini (2011-12 & 2010-11, Barbe High School), Bronson Gillam (2009-10, Evangel Christian Academy), Zachary Von Rosenberg (2008-09, Zachary), Austin Nola (2007-08, Catholic High School), and Carmen Angelini (2006-07, Barbe) 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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