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OYSTER RIVER HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® NEW HAMPSHIRE BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (May 28, 2015) — In its 30th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Casey Aubin of Oyster River High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Player of the Year. Aubin is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Oyster River 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 Aubin as New Hampshire's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Aubin 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, 190-pound senior right-handed pitcher and first baseman had led the Bobcats to an 11-1 record at the time of his selection. Aubin owned a 6-0 record with a 0.68 ERA through 12 games, to go with a .441 batting average and 12 RBI. He recorded 63 strikeouts in 41 innings pitched, surrendering just 17 hits and just four walks. A First Team All-State honoree, Aubin was also a Perfect Game Honorable Mention Preseason All-Northeast Region selection.

Aubin has maintained a 3.58 GPA in the classroom. Also an ice hockey standout, he has volunteered locally on behalf of youth baseball programs.

"We knew Aubin was very good, and he proved it," said Adam Lawrence, head coach at Goffstown High. "He's very efficient on the mound and he pounds the strike zone. He's always around the plate, which keeps their defense ready too."

Aubin has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst 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.

Aubin joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Players of the Year Rob Del Signore (2013-14, Londonderry High School), Tyler Barss (2012-13, Goffstown High School), Jordan Bean (2011-12, St. Thomas Aquinas High School), Jordan Cote (2010-11, Winnisquam Regional High School), Mike Montville (2009-10 & 2008-09, Portsmouth), Brad Zapenas (2007-08, Nashua North), and Brian White (2006-07, Salem) among the state's list of former award winners.

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