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**WESTMOORE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® OKLAHOMA 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 Kyle Tyler of Westmoore High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Player of the Year. Tyler is the second Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Westmoore 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 Tyler as Oklahoma's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Tyler 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, 185-pound senior right-handed pitcher and first baseman posted a 10-0 record with a 0.70 ERA and a single-season school record 102 strikeouts in 60 innings this past season, leading the Jaguars (34-6) to the Class 6A state final. A 2014 Perfect Game Honorable Mention All-American selection, Tyler held opposing hitters to a .103 batting average and compiled a 0.60 WHIP. Offensively, he produced a .437 on-base percentage and scored 23 runs.

Tyler has maintained a 4.02 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and the McBride Foundation to promote sports-injury awareness.

"Kyle Tyler always gives you a chance to win," said Westmoore High head coach Justin Holeman. "He's got devastating stuff, he's a work horse on the mound and he commands the strike zone with every pitch as well or better than anyone else. His presence alone keeps hitters off balance."

Tyler has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Oklahoma 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.

Tyler joins recent Gatorade Oklahoma Baseball Players of the Year Gavin LaValley (2013-14, Carl Albert High School), Austin O'Brien (2012-13, Owasso High School), Ty Hensley (2011-12, Edmond Santa Fe High School), Dylan Bundy (2010-11, 2009-10 & 2008-09, Owasso), Bobby Bundy (2007-08, Sperry), and Peter Kozma (2006-07, Owasso) 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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