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**CLARKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® TENNESSEE 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 Donny Everett of Clarksville High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Tennessee Baseball Player of the Year. Everett is the first Gatorade Tennessee Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Clarksville 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 Everett as Tennessee's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Everett 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-3, 230-pound senior right-handed pitcher posted a 9-1 record with two saves, a 0.93 ERA and 124 strikeouts against just eight walks in 68 innings-pitched this past season, leading the Wildcats (30-11) to the Class AAA regional semifinals. Also a first baseman, Everett batted .412 with two home runs, 32 runs-scored and 34 RBI. A preseason First Team All-American as named by Louisville Slugger and Perfect Game USA, he worked 21 walks and belted 13 extra-base hits, recording a .500 on-base percentage and .579 slugging percentage in his final prep campaign.

Everett has maintained a 3.62 GPA in the classroom. In addition to donating his time as a youth baseball instructor, he has volunteered on behalf of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"His athletic excellence speaks for itself in his statistics," said Brian Welp, head coach of rival Henry County High. "But the impressive thing was that he always went about his business without showing up his opponents, and his work ethic could be seen at an early age as a developing freshman."

Everett has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Vanderbilt University this fall, but is projected as an early round selection in June's Major League Baseball draft.

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.

Everett joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Baseball Players of the Year Justus Sheffield (2013-14, Tullahoma High School), Wil Crowe (2012-13, Pigeon Forge High School), Jonathan King (2011-12, Riverdale High School), Daniel Norris (2010-11, Science Hill High School), Ethan Bennett (2009-10, Farragut), Curt Powell (2008-09, Farragut), Sonny Gray (2007-08, Smyrna), and Taylor Hill (2006-07, Mt. Juliet) among the state's list of former award winners.

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