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**WAUTOMA HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® WISCONSIN 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 Jack Eagan of Wautoma High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Wisconsin Baseball Player of the Year. Eagan is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Wautoma 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 Eagan as Wisconsin's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Eagan 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, 225-pound junior left-handed pitcher and first baseman has led the Hornets to a 13-5 record and second place in the South Central Conference, with the Division 3 playoffs scheduled to begin June 17. At the time of his selection, Eagan owned a 5-1 record with a 0.64 ERA and 45 strikeouts in 26 innings. The 2014 Conference Player of the Year, he batted .462 with three home runs, 18 RBI and a .962 slugging percentage through 18 games.

Eagan has maintained a 3.28 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a peer tutor, a camp counselor and as a youth baseball coach.

"Jack Eagan is a man amongst boys," said Brian Bednarek, head coach at Berlin High. "He was the best player we saw this year. He carried himself in a very impressive manner, as well."

Eagan has verbally committed to play baseball on scholarship at Indiana 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.

Eagan joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Baseball Players of the Year Jeren Kendall (2013-14, Holmen High School), Scott Schreiber (2012-13, Kimberly High School), Kyle Cody (2011-12, McDonell Central Catholic High School), Sam Mahar (2010-11, Tremper High School), Bobby Juan (2009-10, Central High School), Brad Schreiber (2008-09, Kimberly High School), Phil Schreiber (2007-08, Kaukauna High School), and Nick Rice (2006-07, Tremper High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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