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**OZARK HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® MISSOURI SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 4, 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 Brittany Nimmo of Ozark High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Missouri Softball Player of the Year. Nimmo is the first Gatorade Missouri Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Ozark 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 Nimmo as Missouri's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Nimmo joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alicia Hollowell (2000-01, Fairfield HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.), Angela Tincher (2002-03, James River HS, Va.) and Kenzie Fowler (2006-07, Canyon del Oro HS, Ariz.).

The 5-foot-9 senior right-hander led the Tigers (27-4) to the Class 4 quarterfinals this past season. Nimmo posted a 26-4 record with a 0.86 ERA in the circle, along with a .425 batting average, nine home runs and 38 RBI at the plate. A First Team All-State selection, she struck out 284 batters in 162.2 innings pitched while walking just 34. Nimmo is also a three-time All-Conference and All-Ozarks honoree.

Nimmo has maintained a weighted 4.48 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of her church youth group, she has served as a tutor in her school and has volunteered locally on behalf of youth softball programs.

"Nimmo is an outstanding player, one that any coach would love to have," said Matt Walker, head coach at Nixa High. "She's never fazed or rattled, and in my opinion she's an even better hitter than pitcher."

Nimmo has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at the North Carolina 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.

Nimmo joins recent Gatorade Missouri Softball Players of the Year Paige Parker (2013-14, 2012-13 & 2010-11, Truman High School), Emily Crane (2011-12, Troy Buchanan High School), Jessica Damico (2009-10, Pacific High School), Nicole Hudson (2008-09, Webb City High School), Courtney Conley (2007-08, Eureka High School), and Kristin Nottelmann (2006-07, Rockwood Summit High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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