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DICKSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® TENNESSEE SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 4, 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 Brooklin Lee of Dickson County High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Tennessee Softball Player of the Year. Lee is the first Gatorade Tennessee Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Dickson County 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 Lee as Tennessee's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Lee 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-8 junior right-handed pitcher posted a 34-4 record with a 0.87 ERA and 331 strikeouts in 242.1 innings pitched this past season, leading the Cougars (44-6) to the Class AAA state championship game. A two-time returning Tennessee Sports Writers Association Class AAA First Team All-State selection, Lee batted .378 with four home runs, 28 runs scored and 34 RBI. Also a 2013 MaxPreps Underclass All-American honoree, Lee worked 12 walks and collected 17 extra-base hits, recording a .423 on-base percentage and .559 slugging percentage. She led Dickson County to the 2014 Class AAA state title as a sophomore.

Lee has maintained a 3.93 GPA in the classroom. A member of her school's award-winning Health Occupations Students of America program, she has also donated her time as a youth softball instructor.

"She took them to the state final this year and won it last year," said Jeff Serbin, head coach of rival Hendersonville High. "She's made a big impact. She throws hard and hits her spots. Brooklin is an athlete, too. She hits, and she can play the field. She's just an all-around great athlete. She can do it all."

Lee has verbally committed to play softball on scholarship at Belmont 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.

Lee joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Softball Players of the Year Cori Jennings (2013-14, Gordonsville High School), Makenzie Prince (2012-13, Smyrna High School), Kelsey Nunley (2011-12, Soddy-Daisy High School), Lacye Walker (2010-11, Grace Baptist Academy), Ellen Renfro (2009-10, Trinity Christian Academy), Kelsey Cartwright (2008-09, Goodpasture Christian School), Holly Thomas (2007-08, Ooltewah High School), and Baillie Lott (2006-07, Brentwood High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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