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**DOVER HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® DELAWARE BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 24, 2016) — In its 31st year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Jordan Hutchins of Dover High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Delaware Baseball Player of the Year. Hutchins is the second Gatorade Delaware Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Dover 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 Hutchins as Delaware's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Hutchins 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 John Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Prep, Wash.).

The 5-foot-10, 170-pound senior shortstop and right-handed pitcher led the Senators to a 15-2 record and a berth in the state tournament, scheduled for May 23. At the time of his selection, Hutchins owned a 7-0 record on the mound, a 0.80 ERA with 53 strikeouts in 44 innings. The 2016 Henlopen Conference Player of the Year, he produced a .525 average and a .746 slugging percentage with the bat while stealing 14 bases in 16 attempts through 17 games.

Hutchins has maintained a 92.4 average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of Habitat for Humanity, an assisted living facility and as a peer tutor.

"Jordan Hutchins is a five-tool baseball player who can beat you in many ways," said Dover head coach David Gordon. "His defense, speed, bat and overall instincts make him the one of the best players on the field all the time. He has been a big part of our success at Dover High School for the last four years and he will go down as one of the best to wear the Senator colors."

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

Hutchins joins recent Gatorade Delaware Baseball Players of the Year Brandon Fraley (2014-15, Caravel Academy), Dominic DiSabatino (2013-14, St. Mark's High School), Pete Grasso (2012-13, A.I. duPont High School), Mitchell Moore (2011-12, Dover High School), Lincoln Lamberton (2010-11, Salesianum School), Taylor Mahoney (2009-10, St. Mark's High School), Eric Buckland (2008-09, Caravel Academy), and Derrik Gibson (2007-08 & 2006-07, Seaford High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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