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TIMBERLINE HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® IDAHO 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 Parker Price of Timberline High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Idaho Baseball Player of the Year. Price is the third Gatorade Idaho Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Timberline 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 Price as Idaho's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Price 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, 175-pound senior shortstop batted .539 with 36 RBI and 17 extra-base hits, leading the Wolves (26-4) and the first round of the Class 5A state tournament this past season. The state's returning Gatorade Baseball Player of the Year, Price was named the 2016 Southern Idaho Conference Player of the Year after a regular season in which he ripped 13 doubles, stole 27 bases and struck out just three times in 107 plate appearances.

Price has maintained a 3.91 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, he has volunteered locally on behalf of multiple school fundraisers and as a youth baseball coach.

"Parker Price is the best player in our area," said Justin Schneidt, head coach at Vallivue High. "He brings so many intangibles that you cannot teach. He has a baseball intelligence that is off the chart and is always playing the game multiple plays ahead. He truly is one of the finest competitors that I have ever coached against."

Price has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Gonzaga 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.

Two-time winner Price joins Gatorade Idaho Baseball Players of the Year Nick Nyquist (2013-14, Coeur d'Alene High School), Levi Pereira (2012-13, Coeur d'Alene High School), Bryce Feist (2011-12, Rocky Mountain High School), Cy Sneed (2010-11, Twin Falls High School), Devon Austin (2009-10, Coeur d'Alene High School), Jacob Coats (2008-09, Twin Falls High School), Sean McDonald (2007-08, Boise High School), and Josh Osich (2006-07, Bishop Kelly High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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