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SOUTH BEAUREGARD HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® LOUISIANA 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 Logan Savoy of South Beauregard High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Louisiana Baseball Player of the Year. Savoy is the first Gatorade Louisiana Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from South Beauregard 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 Savoy as Louisiana's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Savoy 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 5-foot-11, 175-pound junior left-handed pitcher and first baseman posted a 10-2 record, a 1.71 ERA and 115 strikeouts in 77.1 innings, leading the Golden Knights (28-8) to the Class 3A state final this past season. A USA TODAY American Family Insurance All-USA Preseason selection, Savoy also produced a .365 average at the plate with five home runs, 16 doubles and 38 RBI.

Savoy has maintained a B average in the classroom. A devoted member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, he has volunteered locally as a youth baseball coach.

"Logan Savoy is a fierce competitor and an absolute hard out at the plate," said Jordan Smith, head coach at Jennings High. "In my opinion, he will be the best pitcher in the state next year and has a great chance of getting drafted."

Savoy has verbally committed to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Louisville beginning in the fall of 2017.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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 <u>USA TODAY High School Sports</u>, 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.

Savoy joins recent Gatorade Louisiana Baseball Players of the Year Kale Breaux (2014-15, Sulphur High School), Chase Vallot (2013-14, St. Thomas More High School), Jared Poche (2012-13, Lutcher High School), Gavin Cecchini (2011-12 & 2010-11, Barbe High School), Bronson Gillam (2009-10, Evangel Christian Academy), Zachary Von Rosenberg (2008-09, Zachary High School), Austin Nola (2007-08, Catholic High School), and Carmen Angelini (2006-07, Barbe High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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