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BANGOR HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® MAINE 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 Trevor DeLaite of Bangor High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Maine Baseball Player of the Year. DeLaite is the second Gatorade Maine Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bangor 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 DeLaite as Maine's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, DeLaite 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 6-foot-1, 180-pound senior left-handed pitcher had led the Rams to an 11-0 record at the time of his selection. DeLaite owned a 5-0 record with a 0.21 ERA through 11 games, along with a .372 batting average and 13 RBI. A First Team All-State honoree, he struck out 53 and walked just two in 33 innings pitched. DeLaite was also named to the USA TODAY's American Family Insurance ALL-USA Maine Second Team.

DeLaite has maintained a 3.11 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics.

"DeLaite is probably the toughest pitcher I've seen since I've been coaching," said Christian Boileau, head coach at Mt. Blue High. "He's a lefty who throws in the mid-80s and really mixes things up. He has the whole repertoire and he pounds the strike zone."

DeLaite has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Maine this fall.

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.

DeLaite joins recent Gatorade Maine Baseball Players of the Year Zachary Quintal (2014-15, Marshwood High School), Ben Greenberg (2013-14 & 2012-13, Scarborough High School), Luke Fernandes (2011-12, Marshwood High School), Scott Heath (2010-11, Westbrook High School), Matt Verrier (2009-10, Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School), Chris Bernard (2008-09, Scarborough High School), Kyle Stilphen (2007-08, Gardiner Area High School), and Jarrett Lukas (2006-07, Old Town High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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