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**CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NORTH DAKOTA 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 Dalton Feeney of Century High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade North Dakota Baseball Player of the Year. Feeney is the second Gatorade North Dakota Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Century 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 Feeney as North Dakota's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Feeney 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-2, 205-pound senior right-handed pitcher and shortstop had led the Patriots to a 26-6 record and a berth in the West Region tournament at the time of his selection. Feeney compiled a 5-1 regular-season record with two saves and a 0.17 ERA. He also batted .367 with 18 RBI. A Rawlings/Perfect Game Third Team Preseason All-American, he has thrown two perfect games this season and recorded 79 strikeouts and issued just 10 walks through 41.1 innings pitched.

Feeney has maintained a 3.60 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of his church community, he has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, a community food shelf and youth sports programs.

"Feeney is a special kind of athlete," said Dewitt Mack, head coach at Mandan High. "On the mound, he throws with very little effort but he's consistently in the upper 80s and lower 90s. He moves effortlessly in the field, his bat is strong and he's fast on the base paths. I haven't seen another athlete of his caliber in a while."

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

Feeney joins recent Gatorade North Dakota Baseball Players of the Year Colin Hennessy (2014-15, Red River High School), Ian Schultz (2013-14, Fargo North High School), Ellery Bresnahan (2012-13, Central Cass High School), Andy Young (2011-12, West Fargo High School), David Ernst (2010-11 & 2009-10, Fargo South High School), Cole Frenzel (2008-09, Dickinson High School), Zac Elgie (2007-08, Minot High School), and Tanner Lorenz (2006-07, Harvey High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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