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**PLUM SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® PENNSYLVANIA 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 Alex Kirilloff of Plum Senior High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Pennsylvania Baseball Player of the Year. Kirilloff is the first Gatorade Pennsylvania Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Plum Senior 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 Kirilloff as Pennsylvania's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Kirilloff 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, 200-pound senior outfielder and left-handed pitcher led the Mustangs to a 21-0 record and the WPIAL Class AAAA semifinals, scheduled for May 23. The nation's No. 3 prep prospect as rated by Perfect Game USA, Kirilloff batted .539 with three home runs, 30 runs scored and a .638 on-base percentage through 21 games. On the mound, he compiled a 6-0 record and a 0.74 ERA with 60 strikeouts in 38 innings. Kirilloff is the state's No. 2 recruit as rated by Prep Baseball Report and won the Home Run Challenge at the Perfect Game All-American Classic at Petco Park in San Diego last summer.

"Alex Kirilloff's batting practice before our game was the most impressive BP I have ever seen from a high school kid," said Mike Liebdzinski, head coach at Norwin High. "The raw power was tremendous. During the game, he demonstrated excellent speed with an infield single and showed off a strong throwing arm as well. He clearly has all the tools."

Kirilloff has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Virginia's Liberty University this fall, but is projected as an early round selection in June's Major League Baseball draft.

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.

Kirilloff joins recent Gatorade Pennsylvania Baseball Players of the Year Mike Nikorak (2014-15, Stroudsburg High School), Brendan McKay (2013-14 & 2012-13, Blackhawk High School), Kenny Koplove (2011-12, William Penn Charter School), Derek Fisher (2010-11, Cedar Crest High School), Sean Coyle (2009-10, Germantown Academy), Mike Lubanski (2008-09, Malvern Preparatory School), Zak Sinclair (2007-08, West Allegheny High School), and Devin Mesoraco (2006-07, Punxsutawney Area High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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