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## INDIAN TRAIL HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® WISCONSIN 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 Gavin Lux of Indian Trail High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Wisconsin Baseball Player of the Year. Lux is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Indian Trail 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 Lux as Wisconsin's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Lux 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, 180-pound senior shortstop has led the Hawks to a 15-2 record and a berth in the Division 1 regional tournament, scheduled to begin May 31. At the time of his selection, Lux had produced a .544 batting average with five home runs and 19 RBI through 17 games. He is ranked as the nation's No. 28 prep prospect in the Class of 2016 by Perfect Game USA and participated in the Perfect Game All-American Classic at Petco Park in San Diego last summer.

Lux has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and an area children's hospital in addition to donating his time raising awareness for teen depression and suicide prevention.

"In my 15 years coaching baseball, I've never seen anyone like Gavin Lux," said Aaron Zweifel, head coach at Badger High. "Besides the physical tools he possesses, just as impressive is the way he carries himself. In my opinion, he's clearly the best player in the state that I've seen this year, or any other year for that matter."

Lux has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Arizona State 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.

Lux joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Baseball Players of the Year Jack Eagan (2014-15, Wautoma High School), Jeren Kendall (2013-14, Holmen High School), Scott Schreiber (2012-13, Kimberly High School), Kyle Cody (2011-12, McDonell Central Catholic High School), Sam Mahar (2010-11, Tremper High School), Bobby Juan (2009-10, Central High School), Brad Schreiber (2008-09, Kimberly High School), Phil Schreiber (2007-08, Kaukauna High School), and Nick Rice (2006-07, Tremper High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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