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**DELSEA REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW JERSEY BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 30, 2017) — In its 32nd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Brad Dobzanski of Delsea Regional High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade New Jersey Baseball Player of the Year. Dobzanski is the first Gatorade New Jersey Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Delsea Regional 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 Dobzanski as New Jersey's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Dobzanski joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo High School, Mich.), Jon Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Preparatory School, Wash.), David Price (2003-04, Blackman High School, Tenn.), Clayton Kershaw (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas), Rick Porcello (2006-2007, Seton Hall Preparatory School, N.J.) and Kris Bryant (2009-10, Bonanza High School, Nev.).

The 6-foot-3, 220-pound senior right-handed pitcher and first baseman had led the Crusaders to a 14-5 record and a berth in the Group 3 state tournament at the time of his selection. Dobzanski posted a 4-0 record along with a 1.12 ERA, recording 47 strikeouts in 31.1 innings though 19 games. Ranked as the state's No. 1 recruit in the Class of 2017 by Prep Baseball Report, he was batting .371 with two home runs, 11 RBI and a .763 slugging percentage entering the postseason.

Dobzanski has volunteered locally on behalf of youth baseball programs. "Brad Dobzanski is a very good player with an above average fastball and good off-speed pitches," said Anthony Leone, head coach at Deptford High. "Every time we have gone against him, he has been nothing but respectful of our players, coaches and the game of baseball."

Dobzanski has maintained an 87.2 average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Kentucky 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 Player of the Year Selection Committee, 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.

Dobzanski joins recent Gatorade New Jersey Baseball Players of the Year Luca Dalatri (2015-16 & 2014-15, Christian Brothers Academy), Zach Attianese (2013-14, Old Bridge High School), Rob Kaminsky (2012-13 & 2011-12, St. Joseph Regional High School), AJ Murray (2010-11, Westfield High School), Bryan Soloman (2009-10, Jackson Memorial High School), Mike Trout (2008-09, Millville High School), Quinton Miller (2007-08, Shawnee High School), and Rick Porcello (2006-07, Seton Hall Prep) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Brad will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow the conversation on Twitter #GatoradePOY. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit www.gatorade.com/poy.