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**CARLSBAD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW MEXICO 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 Trevor Rogers of Carlsbad High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade New Mexico Baseball Player of the Year. Rogers is the fifth Gatorade New Mexico Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Carlsbad 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 Rogers as New Mexico's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Rogers 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, Seaton Hall Preparatory School, N.J.) and Kris Bryant (2009-10, Bonanza High School, Nev.).

The 6-foot-6, 200-pound senior left-handed pitcher and first baseman posted an 11-0 record on the mound with a 0.33 ERA and 134 strikeouts in 63.1 innings this past season, leading the Cavemen (22-8) to the Class 6A semifinals. Ranked as the nation's No. 4 recruit in the Class of 2017 by Perfect Game, Rogers held opposing hitters to a .067 batting average and also batted .397 with three home runs, 24 RBI and a .779 slugging percentage.

Rogers has volunteered locally on behalf of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and in association with his church youth group. "Trevor Rogers is an outstanding baseball player," said Carlsbad head coach Cody May. "He is a good kid who has remained humble and works incredibly hard."

Rogers has maintained a 3.64 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Texas Tech 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 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.

Rogers joins recent Gatorade New Mexico Baseball Players of the Year Nathaniel Garley (2015-16, Eldorado High School), Jared Mang (2014-15 & 2013-14, Los Alamos High School), Andre Vigil (2012-13, Volcano Vista High School), Shilo McCall (2011-12, Piedra Vista High School), Blake Swihart (2010-11, Cleveland High School), Sam Wilson (2009-10, Eldorado High School), Max Walla (2008-09, Albuquerque Academy), Wade Hinkle (2007-08, Del Norte High School), and Richard Bohlken (2006-07, La Cueva High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Trevor 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.