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**WINNISQUAM REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® NEW HAMPSHIRE BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 1, 2011) — In its 26<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Jordan Cote of Winnisquam Regional High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Player of the Year. Cote is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Winnisquam 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 Cote as New Hampshire's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in June, Cote joins an elite alumni association of past state baseball award winners, 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 John Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Prep, Wash.).

The 6-foot-5, 215-pound senior right-handed pitcher has led the Bears (13-4) to a berth in the Div. III postseason tournament against Stevens High, scheduled for June 2. Cote owns a 5-1 record on the mound with a 0.73 ERA, recording 72 strikeouts against just six walks in 38.1 innings. A three-time All-State selection, he owns a .480 batting average with three home runs and 24 RBI. Cote was the Class M Player of the Year in 2010 and was a Rawlings/Perfect Game Preseason High School Senior All-Region First Team honoree.

Cote has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of youth baseball programs and an area nursing home.

"Jordan Cote just dominates people," said Tom Charbono, head coach of rival Franklin High. "He throws gas, and he's got a slider and a tight curveball to go with it. He's a special talent, the complete package, and he works hard all the time."

Cote has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Coastal Carolina University this fall, but is projected as an early round selection in this month's Major League Baseball First-Year Player 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 ESPN RISE and the Gatorade high school sports leadership team, 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.

Cote joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Players of the Year Mike Montville (2009-10, Portsmouth), Mike Montville (2008-09; Portsmouth), Brad Zapenas (2007-08, Nashua North), and Brian White (2006-07, Salem), among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. 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 [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com).

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