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**SOUTH SIDE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® INDIANA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 30, 2012) — In its 27<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Will Coursen-Carr of South Side High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Indiana Baseball Player of the Year. Coursen-Carr is the first Gatorade Indiana Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from South Side 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 Coursen-Carr as Indiana's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Coursen-Carr 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-4, 205-pound senior left-handed pitcher and first baseman led the Archers (18-9) to a berth in the Class 4A regional tournament, scheduled to begin June 2. At the time of his selection, Coursen-Carr owned an 8-1 record with one save, a 0.37 ERA and 114 strikeouts in 56 innings. A 2011 First Team All-State honoree, he also batted .500 with three home runs and 15 RBIs through 27 games.

Coursen-Carr has maintained a 4.01 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of his church community, he has volunteered locally as a youth baseball coach and on behalf of multiple community service initiatives in association with the National Honor Society.

"Will Coursen-Carr excelled against our program, as well as a bunch of other programs this year," said Ben Fawbush, head coach at Belmont High. "He has control both mentally and physically on the mound. When we did hit him, he didn't get rattled. He is an asset to his team both offensively and defensively."

Coursen-Carr has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on an athletic scholarship at Indiana 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 ESPNHS 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.

Coursen-Carr joins recent Gatorade Indiana Baseball Players of the Year Dillon Peters (2010-11, Cathedral High School), Justin O'Conner (2009-10, Cowan), Cameron Perkins (2008-09; Southport), Alex Meyer (2007-08, Greensburg Community), and Jarrod Parker (2006-07, Norwell), among the state's list of former award winners.

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