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**ASHLAND HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® OHIO 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 Adam Schaly of Ashland High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Ohio Baseball Player of the Year. Schaly is the first Gatorade Ohio Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Ashland 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 Schaly as Ohio's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Schaly 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-2, 195-pound senior left-handed pitcher, outfielder and first baseman posted an 11-0 record, a 0.20 ERA and 125 strikeouts in 65 innings, leading the Arrows (23-4) to the Division I regional final this past season. The 2011 Ohio Cardinal Conference Player of the Year, Schaly also batted .403 with 18 RBIs and 24 runs scored.

Schaly has maintained a 3.82 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of his church community, he has volunteered locally preparing meals at an area homeless shelter and as a youth baseball coach.

"Adam Schaly is by far the best pitcher I have ever coached," said Ashland High head coach Rob Lavengood. "He's also leading our team in hitting and is a superb defensive first baseman and right fielder. He is the whole package."

Schaly has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on an athletic scholarship at Stetson 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.

Schaly joins recent Gatorade Ohio Baseball Players of the Year Taylore Cherry (2010-11, Butler High School), David Whitehead (2009-10, Moeller), Tyler Skulina (2008-09; Walsh Jesuit), Ryan Curl (2007-08, St. Francis DeSales), and Derek Dietrich (2006-07, St. Ignatius), 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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