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**NEW CASTLE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® INDIANA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 28, 2013) — In its 28<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Trey Ball of New Castle High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Indiana Baseball Player of the Year. Ball is the first Gatorade Indiana Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from New Castle 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 Ball 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, Ball joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, 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.), Derrek Lee (1992-93, El Camino HS, Calif.) and John Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Prep, Wash.).

The 6-foot-6, 175-pound senior left-handed pitcher and outfielder led the Trojans (22-7) to the Class 4A sectional semifinals, scheduled to begin May 27. At the time of his selection, Ball owned a 6-0 record, a 0.76 ERA and 93 strikeouts in 46 innings. A 2012 Aflac All-American and a 2012 Under Armour All-American, he is also batted .329 with nine home runs, 40 runs scored, 28 RBI and 20 stolen bases.

Ball has maintained a 3.65 GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society, he has volunteered locally on behalf of multiple community service initiatives in association with his church youth group.

"Trey Ball has earned the respect of his teammates and coaches through his daily display of his strong work ethic and commitment to being the best that he can be," said New Castle High head coach Brad King. "He is constantly looking to make improvements to areas of weakness and he is attentive and respectful to everyone. He personifies what coaches seek in their student athletes."

Ball has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on an athletic scholarship at the University of Texas this fall but is projected as an early round selection in next 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 the Gatorade high school sports leadership team in partnership with [USA TODAY High School Sports](#), 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.

Ball joins recent Gatorade Indiana Baseball Players of the Year Will Coursen-Carr (2011-12, South Side High School), 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 (2006-2007, Norwell) 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 [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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