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SCARBOROUGH HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® MAINE BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (May 28, 2013) — In its 28th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Ben Greenberg of Scarborough High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Maine Baseball Player of the Year. Greenberg is the second Gatorade Maine Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Scarborough 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 Greenberg as Maine's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Greenberg 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-1, 195-pound junior right-handed pitcher and infielder had led the Red Storm to an 11-1 record at the time of his selection. Through 12 games, Greenberg owned a 5-0 record and 0.66 ERA on the mound, and a .390 batting average with two home runs and 17 RBI at the plate. He was a Maine Underclass All-Star each of the past two seasons.

Greenberg has maintained an A-minus average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of Ronald McDonald House Charities, youth baseball programs and community cleanup initiatives, and has raised funds to aid a school in Haiti.

"Greenberg is an outstanding player," said Brian Dill, head coach at Kennebunk High. "He has great control of a fastball, curve and slider. He's one of the top pitchers we've faced and he might be the best hitter."

Greenberg will begin his senior year of high school 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 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.

Greenberg joins recent Gatorade Maine Baseball Players of the Year Luke Fernandes (2011-12, Marshwood High School), Scott Heath (2010 - 11, Westbrook High School), Matt Verrier (2009-10, Oxford Hills Comprehensive), Chris Bernard (2008-09 Scarborough), Kyle Stilphen (2007-08, Gardiner Area), and Jarrett Lukas (2006-2007, Old Town) among the state's list of former award winners.

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