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**COON RAPIDS HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® MINNESOTA 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 Logan Shore of Coon Rapids High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Minnesota Baseball Player of the Year. Shore is the first Gatorade Minnesota Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Coon Rapids 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 Shore as Minnesota's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Shore 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-3, 215-pound senior right-handed pitcher and first baseman has led the Cardinals to a 13-3 record and a berth in the sectional tournament, scheduled to begin May 25. Entering the postseason, Shore owned a 4-0 record and 0.27 ERA on the mound, along with a .429 batting average and 12 RBI at the plate. He has struck out 32 batters in 26 innings pitched, scattering 14 hits and four walks. A First Team All-State honoree, Shore was the Metro Player of the Year as a junior and was a Rawlings/Perfect Game Preseason High School Third Team All-America selection.

Shore has maintained a 3.74 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of his church youth group, he has volunteered on behalf of youth baseball programs and Feed My Starving Children, which sends meals to malnourished children around the world.

"Shore is the real deal," said Jeff Stoll, head coach at Champlin Park High. "He throws hard, but he's got a nasty slider and a good change-up too. He's tough to hit and he doesn't walk many batters."

Shore has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Florida 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.

Shore joins recent Gatorade Minnesota Baseball Players of the Year Mitch Brown (2011-12, Century High School), Rob Youngdahl (2010 - 11, Hill-Murray School), Chris Anderson (2009-10, Centennial), Ryan Abrahamson (2008-09 Tartan), Brad Hand (2007-08, Chaska), and Mike Kvasnicka (2006-2007, Lakeville North) among the state's list of former award winners.

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