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**GOFFSTOWN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Tyler Barss of Goffstown High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Player of the Year. Barss is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Goffstown 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 Barss as New Hampshire's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Barss 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 5-foot-10, 200-pound senior right-handed pitcher has led the Grizzlies to a 17-1 record and a berth in the Division II state tournament, scheduled for May 30. Barss owned a 5-0 record on the mound with a 0.90 ERA and 52 strikeouts in 31.1 innings pitched in the regular season. A First Team All-State selection, he also has a .450 batting average at the plate.

Barss has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics.

"I think Barss is the most dominant pitcher in New Hampshire," said Steve LaRose, head coach at Manchester West High. "He's got an above average fastball, in the low 90s with movement. He also shows good composure on the mound."

Barss has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of Rhode Island 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.

Barss joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Players of the Year Jordan Bean (2011-12, St. Thomas Aquinas High School), Jordan Cote (2010 - 11, Winnisquam Regional High School), Mike Montville (2009-10 & 2008-09, Portsmouth), Brad Zapenas (2007-08, Nashua North), and Brian White (2006-2007, Salem) among the state's list of former award winners.

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