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**ST. JOSEPH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEW JERSEY 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 Rob Kaminsky of St. Joseph Regional High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade New Jersey Baseball Player of the Year. Kaminsky is the first Gatorade New Jersey Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Joseph Regional 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 Kaminsky as New Jersey's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Kaminsky 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 state's returning Gatorade Baseball Player of the Year, Kaminsky led the Green Knights to a 25-1 record and a berth in the Non-Public, North A sectional quarterfinals, scheduled for May 28. The 6-foot, 195-pound senior left-handed pitcher owned an 8-0 record with a 0.13 ERA and 106 strikeouts against just 11 walks in 51 innings-pitched entering the sectional round of eight. A Preseason First Team All-American as named by USA Today, Kaminsky, also an outfielder, batted .506 with three home runs and 19 RBI through 26 games. He scored 29 runs and collected 13 doubles, 11 walks and four triples.

Kaminsky has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has donated his time at a local food pantry and volunteered locally on behalf of the Ho-Ho-Kus Volunteer Ambulance Corps as an EMT.

"He's not only a spectacular pitcher, but he's an amazing young man," said John Zisa, head coach of rival DePaul Catholic High. "Velocity is something that everyone talks about, but velocity—even at this level—can be hit. His ability to pitch—and not just throw—shows just how polished he is. At this age, kids fall in love with their arm and rely heavily on their fastball. Not Rob. He's a complete pitcher."

Kaminsky has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at the University of North Carolina 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.

Two-time winner Kaminsky joins Gatorade New Jersey Baseball Players of the Year AJ Murray (2010 - 11, Westfield High School), Bryan Soloman (2009-10, Jackson Memorial), Mike Trout (2008-09 Millville), Quinton Miller (2007-08, Shawnee), and Rick Porcello (2006-2007, Seton Hall Prep) among the state's list of former award winners.

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