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**BISHOP HENDRICKEN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® RHODE ISLAND 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 Mike King of Bishop Hendricken High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Rhode Island Baseball Player of the Year. King is the ninth Gatorade Rhode Island Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Hendricken 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 King as Rhode Island's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, King 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, 200-pound senior right-handed pitcher led the Hawks to a 17-1 record entering their regular-season game against Woonsocket High, scheduled for May 25. King owned a 7-0 record with a 0.30 ERA and 67 strikeouts against just seven walks in 47 innings-pitched through 18 games. Also an outfielder, King batted .469 with 18 RBI, recording a .563 on-base percentage and a .592 slugging percentage. He helped lead Bishop Hendricken to the 2012 Division I state championship as a junior.

King has maintained a 3.42 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of his church, the Pan-Mass Challenge charity race and the Rhode Island Family Shelter.

"I would love him on my team," said Rob Malo, head coach of rival Cranston West High. "On the field, he is a competitor, a workhorse, a leader and respectful to the opposing team and coaches. What impressed me most from a skill-set standpoint was how effortlessly he pitched and how much of an athlete he is. He plays right field very well, and he can really swing the stick."

King has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Boston College 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.

King joins recent Gatorade Rhode Island Baseball Players of the Year David Hopkins (2011-12, East Greenwich High School), Harrison Barlow (2010 - 11, South Kingstown High School), Anthony Aceto (2009-10, North Providence), Ryan Morris (2008-09 North Kingstown), and Ryan Westmoreland (2007-08 & 2006-2007, Portsmouth) among the state's list of former award winners.

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