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**SNOW CANYON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® UTAH 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 Riley Gates of Snow Canyon High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Utah Baseball Player of the Year. Gates is the first Gatorade Utah Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Snow Canyon 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 Gates as Utah's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year award announced in May, Gates 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, 220-pound senior left-handed pitcher and first baseman led the Warriors (20-9) to the Class 3A state championship this past season. Gates posted a 6-4 record with one save, a 0.83 ERA, 114 strikeouts in 59 innings and threw three complete-game shutouts, including a pair of no-hitters. A 2013 Rawlings Preseason All-American and a 2012 First Team All-State selection, he also batted .446 with three home runs, 37 RBI and a .651 slugging percentage.

Gates has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom and will graduate as the valedictorian of his class. Also an Eagle Scout and a devoted parishioner in his church community, he will take part in a service-mission trip on behalf of the Church of Latter Day Saints this summer.

"Riley Gates is a tremendous kid who I have immensely enjoyed coaching the last four years," said Snow Canyon High head coach Reed Secrist. "He's been the go-to guy whenever we need a win. He will be sorely missed when he graduates this year."

Gates has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on an athletic scholarship at Brigham Young University 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.

Gates joins recent Gatorade Utah Baseball Players of the Year Kayden Porter (2011-12 & 2010 - 11, Spanish Fork High School), Adam Duke (2009-10, Spanish Fork), Marcus Littlewood (2008-09 & 2007-08, Pine View), and Tanner Robles (2006-2007, Cottonwood) among the state's list of former award winners.

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