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**CATHEDRAL HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® INDIANA BASEBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (May 27, 2014) — — In its 29th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Ashe Russell of Cathedral High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Indiana Baseball Player of the Year. Russell is the second Gatorade Indiana Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Cathedral 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 Russell as Indiana's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Russell 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.), Derek Lee (1992-93, El Camino HS, Calif.) and John Lester (2001-02, Bellarmine Prep, Wash.).

The 6-foot-4, 195-pound junior right-handed pitcher and outfielder led the Irish (20-3) to the Class 4A sectional tournament, scheduled to begin May 28. Russell owned an 8-1 record, a 0.88 ERA and 74 strikeouts against just eight walks in 49 innings through 23 games. A 2013 First Team All-State selection, he is also batting .371 with three home runs, 25 RBI, 21 runs and a .629 slugging percentage.

Russell has maintained a B average in the classroom. He assisted victims and helped rebuild areas damaged by a tornado in Henryville in addition to volunteering locally as a youth baseball coach and camp counselor.

"Ashe Russell is always on a quest to improve," said Cathedral High head coach Rich Andriole. "He is a tremendous teammate and is the type of player who brings a team together both with his talent and with his demeanor and personality."

Russell has verbally committed to play baseball on an athletic scholarship at the University of Notre Dame beginning in the fall of 2015.

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.

Russell joins recent Gatorade Indiana Baseball Players of the Year Trey Ball (2012-13, New Castle High School), Will Coursen-Carr (2011-12, South Side High School), Dillon Peters (2010 - 11, Cathedral High School), Justin O'Conner (2009-10, Cowan), Cameron Perkins (2008-09, Southport), Alex Meyer (2007-08, Greensburg Community), and Jarrod Parker (2006-2007, Norwell) among the state's list of former award winners.

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