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LONDONDERRY HIGH SCHOOL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Rob Del Signore of Londonderry High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Player of the Year. Del Signore is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Player of the Year to be chosen from Londonderry 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 Del Signore as New Hampshire's best high school baseball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Baseball Player of the Year, Del Signore 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, 185-pound senior left-handed pitcher and first baseman had led the Lancers to a 10-5 record at the time of his selection. Del Signore owned a 4-1 record and a 0.38 ERA through 15 games along with a .306 average and 17 RBI. He recorded 69 strikeouts in 37 innings pitched, surrendering just 16 hits and issuing 12 walks. Del Signore is a two-time First Team All-State honoree.

Del Signore has maintained a 3.53 GPA in the classroom. A student mentor in his school system, he has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and youth baseball camps.

"He's got an above-average fastball, good control and a devastating curveball," said Dan Keleher, head coach at Salem High. "He's also a good position player who can hit the ball, and he's an outstanding kid."

Del Signore has signed a National Letter of Intent to play baseball on scholarship at Southern New Hampshire 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.

Del Signore joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Baseball Players of the Year Tyler Barss (2012-13, Goffstown High School), 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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