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AFLAC HONORS NATION'S BEST HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PLAYERS

Huntington Beach and Fountain Valley, Calif. players announced to the
2005 Aflac All-American High School Baseball Classic team

COLUMBUS, GA. – MAY 9, 2005 – Aflac announced today in a press conference held at the ESPN Zone in Anaheim that Hank Conger, a C/1B from Huntington Beach High School and Chris Tillman, a RHP from Fountain Valley High School have been named to the 2005 Aflac All-American High School Baseball Classic roster. Both players were also honored during pre-game ceremonies at Angel Stadium where Garret Anderson of the Anaheim Angels presented them with official team jerseys.

The event was the second stop of the 2005 Aflac National Selection Tour. The third annual Aflac Classic will showcase the country's top rising high school seniors in an East versus West match-up at Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen, Md., on Aug. 13, 2005.

Now in its second year, the Aflac National Selection Tour is a multi-city tour that travels to the hometowns of the Aflac All-Americans to announce their selection to the team. At each tour stop an Aflac representative will present the player with an official game jersey and commemorative bat. Last year's tour included events at six Major League and four minor league ballparks.

"Conger might have some of the best raw power in next year's high school class," said Alan Matthews, associate editor of Baseball America. "He's a big, strong, physically imposing presence. Conger seems to have championship-caliber makeup which is the icing on the cake when you're evaluating high school players."

"Chris Tillman's size and stature also jumps out at you," said Matthews. "He's a long, lean, right-hander with a nice, loose arm. Once Tillman finishes filling out, the end product figures to be a rigid, durable frame that produces a fastball capable of touching 94-95 mph."

As a part of Aflac's ongoing commitment to the fight against childhood cancer, all game proceeds from the 2005 Aflac All-American High School Baseball Classic will benefit the Division of Pediatric Oncology at the Johns Hopkins Kimmel Cancer Center in Baltimore.

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"For the past three years, the Aflac All-American Baseball Classic has successfully combined sporting excitement with our core philanthropic focus," said Al Johnson, 2nd Vice President, Advertising and Branding at Aflac. "We look forward to continuing to support the fight against pediatric cancer while showcasing America's most talented high school baseball players."

The Aflac All-American High School Baseball Classic is endorsed by many of the game's pillars, including Major League Baseball. Baseball legend Cal Ripken Jr. will serve as the game's honorary chairman for the second consecutive year.

"The Aflac Classic is quickly becoming the premier high school all-star baseball game in the country and we are very proud to be hosting it again at Ripken Stadium," said Cal Ripken Jr. "The event is a real celebration of baseball and provides a great experience to the top high school players in the nation. Aflac has been a wonderful partner for the game and they continue to give back by contributing proceeds to pediatric oncology research."

Baseball America and Perfect Game are the official selection partners for the event and choose the players for their accomplishments both on, and off the field, including their involvement in the community.

Sports America, Inc., is a sports marketing and event management firm based out of Rockville, Md., which created and currently produces the Aflac Classic. Sports America also produces the McDonald's All-American High School Basketball Game and Jordan Classic High School All-Star Basketball Game.

To learn more about the Aflac All-American High School Baseball Classic, or dates and stops on the official selection tour, visit www.aflacallamerican.com.

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