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**MADISON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® OHIO GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 10, 2011) — In its 26th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPN RISE, today announced Ally Malott of Madison High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Ohio Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Malott is the first Gatorade Ohio Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Madison 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 court, distinguishes Malott as Ohio's best high school girls basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Girls Basketball Player of the Year award announced in March, Malott joins an elite alumni association of past state girls basketball award-winners, including Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Diana Taurasi (1998-99 & 1999-00, Don Antonio Lugo HS, Calif.), Maya Moore (2005-06 Collins Hill HS, Ga.), Rashanda McCants (2004-05, Asheville HS, N.C.), Shyra Ely (1999-00, Ben Davis HS, Ind.) and Lisa Leslie (1988-89, Morningside HS, Calif.)

The 6-foot-3 senior guard and forward averaged 21.8 points, 9.5 rebounds, 4.8 assists, 3.2 steals and 2.4 blocks per game this past season while shooting 81 percent from the free throw line and leading the Mohawks (20-4) to the Division III district final. A 2011 McDonald's High School All-American Game selection, Malott is a two-time First Team All-State honoree and ranks No. 40 among the nation's top recruits in the ESPN RISE Hoopgurlz 100.

Malott has maintained a 3.87 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of the National Honor Society and as a youth basketball coach.

"Ally Malott is the whole package," said Donn Burrows, head coach of rival Bishop Fenwick High. "You have to adjust your whole defense to account for her. If you don't pay attention, she's going to get 30 or 35 points on you. She's extremely talented as an individual and she makes her teammates better. Most of all, she's not an arrogant superstar. She's almost unaware of her superstar status."

Malott has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Dayton 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 ESPN RISE and the Gatorade high school sports leadership team, 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.

Malott joins recent Gatorade Ohio Girls Basketball Players of the Year Amy Scullion (2009-10, Salem), Mikaela Ruef (2008-09, Beaver Creek), and Shay Selby (2007-08, Regina) among the state's list of former award winners.

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