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MT. LEBANON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® PENNSYLVANIA 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 Madison Cable of Mt. Lebanon High School as its 2010-11 Gatorade Pennsylvania Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Cable is the first Gatorade Pennsylvania Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Mt. Lebanon 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 Cable as Pennsylvania'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, Cable 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-1 senior guard has led the Blue Devils to a 20-6 record and a berth in the Class AAAA playoffs against Allderdice, scheduled for March 11. At the time of her selection, Cable was averaging 17.4 points, 6.7 rebounds and 2.9 steals per game. Named an Honorable Mention All-American by the Women's Basketball Coaches Association, she was a First Team All-State selection as a junior in 2010.

Cable has maintained a 3.30 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally on behalf of the Salvation Army, a local nursing home and youth basketball programs.

"She can shoot the lights out and score 30 points if she has to, but she's a very unselfish player," said Kyra Kaylor, head coach of rival Peters Township High. "She's off the charts athletically and she's as smooth a player as I've ever seen."

Cable has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Notre Dame 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.

Cable joins recent Gatorade Pennsylvania Girls Basketball Players of the Year Kayla McBride (2009-10, Villa Maria Academy), Stephanie Holzer (2008-09, Cardinal O'Hara), and Markel Walker (2007-08, Schenley) among the state's list of former award winners.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners, and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u>.