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**BISHOP GUERTIN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEW HAMPSHIRE GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 14, 2013) — In its 28th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Jamie Sherburne of Bishop Guertin High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Sherburne is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Guertin 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 Sherburne as New Hampshire'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, Sherburne 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 5-foot-7 junior point guard averaged 10.6 points, 3.7 assists, 3.5 rebounds and 2.3 steals per game this past season, leading the Cardinals (23-3) to the Division I state championship game. A 2012 Nashua Telegraph First Team All-Star, Sherburne helped Bishop Guertin to its first basketball state title as a sophomore. She was named to the Nike 17U National Championship All-Tournament Team in the summer of 2012 as a member of the NH Rivals AAU team.

Sherburne has maintained a 3.13 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally as a youth basketball and soccer coach.

"Jamie is a dynamic player who drives that team," said Cassie Turcotte, head coach of Winnacunnet High. "She is also just as tough defensively as she is offensively. She bothers players and creates turnovers."

Sherburne has made a verbal commitment to attend Niagara University on an athletic scholarship beginning in the fall of 2014.

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.

Sherburne joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Basketball Players of the Year Kirsten O'Neil (2011-12, Winnacunnet High School), Danielle Walczak (2010-11, Oyster River High School), Tiffany Ruffin (2009-10, 2008-09, & 2007-08, Winnacunnet), and Stefanie Murphy (2006-07, Londonderry) among the state's list of former award winners.

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