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**LONE PEAK HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® UTAH BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 21, 2014) — In its 29<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced T.J. Haws of Lone Peak High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Utah Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Haws is the third Gatorade Utah Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Lone Peak 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 Haws as Utah's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Haws joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Dwight Howard (2003-04, SW Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington HS, Colo.), Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame HS, Calif.), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood HS, Calif.) and Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln HS, Texas).

The 6-foot-4, 170-pound senior guard led the Knights to a 22-3 record and their fourth consecutive Class 5A state title this past season. Haws averaged 25.2 points, 5.2 assists, 3.5 rebounds and 1.8 steals per game. A three-time First Team All-State selection, he was also named MVP of the Class 5A state tournament for the second time.

Haws has maintained a 3.98 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of his church community, he has volunteered locally on behalf of the I Won't Cheat Foundation and youth basketball programs.

"Great players step up in big games, and Haws had some remarkable games," said Doug Meacham, head coach at American Fork High. "He's an unbelievable scorer. He can make the three or drive past you or shoot off the dribble, and he became a good passer too."

Haws has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Brigham Young University after serving a two-year mission with the LDS church.

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.

Haws joins recent Gatorade Utah Boys Basketball Players of the Year Nick Emery (2012-13 & 2010-11, Lone Peak High School), Jordan Loveridge (2011-12, West Jordan High School), Kyle Collinsworth (2009-10, Provo), Tyler Haws (2008-09 & 2007-08, Lone Peak High School), and Chris Collinsworth (2006-07, Provo) 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 [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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