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

CHICAGO (March 12, 2015) — In its 30th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Maddy Springfield of Conant High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Springfield is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Conant 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 Springfield 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, Springfield 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-11 junior guard led the Orioles to a 25-0 record and the Division III state title this past season. Springfield averaged 20.1 points, 9.6 rebounds, 3.3 assists and 3.3 steals per game, including 11 points, 11 rebounds, five steals and two blocks in the state championship game. A First Team All-State selection as a freshman at Conant, she spent her sophomore year at Marianapolis Prep in Connecticut, earning All-Star honors from the New England Prep School Athletic Council.

Springfield has maintained an A average in the classroom. A member of the Conant High student council, she has volunteered locally with an elementary school literacy-outreach program, as a peer mentor and as a youth basketball coach.

"Maddy Springfield is incredibly tough to play against because she has so many different weapons in her game," said Curt Dutilley, head coach of Monadnock Regional High. "She has great point guard abilities in a forward's body which makes her so tough to defend because she plays in so many different areas of the floor."

Springfield has verbally committed to attend the College of the Holy Cross, where she will play basketball beginning in the fall of 2016.

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.

Springfield joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Girls Basketball Players of the Year Aliza Simpson (2013-14, Londonderry High School), Jamie Sherburne (2012-13, Bishop Guertin High School), 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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