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**MANASQUAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® NEW JERSEY 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 Marina Mabrey of Manasquan High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade New Jersey Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Mabrey is the second Gatorade New Jersey Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Manasquan 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 Mabrey as New Jersey'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, Mabrey 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 senior guard had led the Warriors to a 26-2 record and a berth in the Group 2 Central championship game at the time of her selection. Mabrey was averaging 25.3 points, 7.9 rebounds, 2.9 assists and 2.3 steals per contest through 28 games. A member of the USA Basketball Women's U18 National Team, she was also chosen to play in both the McDonald's All-American Game and the Jordan Brand Classic. The Shore Conference Player of the Year, Mabrey was named to the USA TODAY's All-USA Preseason Girls Basketball Team.

Mabrey has maintained an A average in the classroom. She has volunteered locally coaching youth basketball players and visiting children stricken with cancer.

"Marina Mabrey is special," said George Sourlis, head coach at Rumson-Fair Haven High. "She's a great scorer, a great passer, she can rebound ... there's nothing she can't do on a basketball court."

Mabrey 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 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.

Mabrey joins recent Gatorade New Jersey Girls Basketball Players of the Year Taylor Rooks (2013-14 & 2012-13, Gill St. Bernard's School), Michaela Mabrey (2011-12, Manasquan High School), Temi Fagbenle (2010-11, Blair Academy), Haley Peters (2009-10, Peddie School), Laurin Mincy (2008-09, University), Lakeisha Sutton (2007-08, Trenton Catholic Academy), and Tayler Wejnert (2006-07, Academy of the Holy Angels) among the state's list of former award winners.

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