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**MARANATHA HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® CALIFORNIA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 20, 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 Tyler Dorsey of Maranatha High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade California Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Dorsey is the first Gatorade California Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Maranatha 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 Dorsey as California'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, Dorsey 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-5, 175-pound senior guard/forward led the Minutemen to a 22-8 record and a berth in the CIF Division IV Southern California regional semifinals at the time of his selection. A 2015 Jordan Brand Classic game invitee and ranked as the nation's No. 38 recruit in the Class of 2015 by ESPN, Dorsey averaged 34.3 points and 10.4 rebounds per game while shooting 65 percent from inside the arc through 30 games. He scored a career-high 52 points on 14-for-19 shooting in an 85-60 win over Chaminade in the regional quarterfinals.

Dorsey has maintained a 3.12 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of an assisted living facility and has participated in multiple school-sponsored mission trips.

"Tyler Dorsey is an incredible scorer," said Bryan Branderhorst, head coach at Valley Christian High. "He has deep range, a great post game and he's a driver and a finisher who knows how to get to the free throw line. One of the most accomplished and efficient high school scorers I've ever coached against."

Dorsey has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Oregon 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.

Dorsey joins recent Gatorade California Boys Basketball Players of the Year Stanley Johnson (2013-14, Mater Dei High School), Roschon Prince (2012-13, Long Beach Poly High School), Grant Jerrett (2011-12, Lutheran High School), Ryan Anderson (2010-11, Long Beach Polytechnic High School), Allen Crabbe (2009-10, Price High School), Michael Snaer (2008-09 & 2006-07, Rancho Verde High School), and Irue Holiday (2007-08, Campbell Hall High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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