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TILTON SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Terance Mann of Tilton School as its 2014-15 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Mann is the second Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Tilton 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 Mann as New Hampshire'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, Mann 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-6, 205-pound senior guard and forward led the Rams to a 31-5 record and the New England Preparatory School Athletic Conference Class AA championship this past season. Mann averaged 23.1 points and 7.3 rebounds per game while shooting 61 percent from inside the arc. A 2015 First Team All-NEPSAC selection, he scored 18 points in Brewster Academy's 68-63 win over Vermont Academy in the NEPSAC championship. He is ranked as the nation's No. 43 recruit in the class of 2015 by ESPN.

Mann has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally as a mentor for children with special needs and as a youth basketball coach.

"Terance Mann is a tremendous competitor and a complete basketball player," said Tilton School head coach Marcus O'Neil. "He's a terrific player on both ends of the court and puts the team ahead of himself."

Mann has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Florida State University this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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 <u>USA TODAY High School Sports</u>, 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.

Mann joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Players of the Year Isaac Copeland (2013-14, Brewster Academy), Eric Gendron (2012-13 & 2011-12, Merrimack High School), Connor Green (2010-11, Bishop Guertin High School), Melvin Ejim (2009-10, Brewster Academy), Alex Oriakhi (2008-09, Tilton School), Emmanuel Negedu (2007-08, Brewster Academy), and Josh Owens (2006-07, Phillips Exeter Academy) 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 <u>www.gatorade.com/poy</u>.