

**OXFORD HILLS COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MAINE GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 13, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Ella Pelletier** of **Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Maine Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Pelletier is the first Gatorade Maine Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes for their success on the court, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Pelletier as Maine's best high school girls basketball player, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Candace Parker (2002-03 & 2003-04, Naperville Central High School, Illinois), Paige Bueckers (2019-20, Hopkins High School, Minnesota) and Joyce Edwards (2023-24, Camden High School, South Carolina).

The 5-foot-11 senior guard led the Vikings to a 17-3 record and a berth in the Class AA regional final this past season. Pelletier averaged 23.8 points, 11.1 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 2.1 steals per game, and surpassed 1,000 career points with a 36-point effort against Lawrence in late December. A three-year captain, she was a four-time All-Conference selection and a finalist for the Miss Maine Basketball award.

A three-year National Honor Society member, Pelletier has volunteered locally as part of her school’s peer mentoring program, and also as a youth basketball coach. “She can score at all levels and play all five positions on the floor,” said Brienne Maloney, head coach at South Portland High School. “My biggest takeaway watching Ella play the last four years has been how she is as a teammate. She’s the best player on the floor most nights, and there are many moments where she could be selfish, but she makes her teammates better. She’s as selfless as they come.”

Pelletier has maintained a 4.5 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at Stonehill College this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports – 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 Player of the Year Selection Committee, which leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Pelletier joins recent Gatorade Maine Girls Basketball Players of the Year Maddie Fitzpatrick (2023-24 & 2022-23, Cheverus High School), Jaycie Christopher (2021-22, Skowhegan Area High School) and Emily Archibald (2020-21, Kennebunk High School), among the state’s list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade’s commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.