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**'WHO'S NEXT?' McDONALD'S® REVEALS FINAL TEAM ROSTERS FOR
2006 McDONALD'S ALL AMERICAN BASKETBALL GAMES®
*Country's Best High School Players to Head to Sunny San Diego;
Compete For Ronald McDonald House Charities®***

OAK BROOK, Ill. (Feb. 23, 2006) – Asking, “Who made it to the McDonald’s All American Games roster?” has, for decades, been akin to asking, “Who’s next in the world of college and pro basketball superstardom?”

Today, McDonald’s and its panel of basketball experts unveiled the 24 members of the 29th annual Boys Game and 24 members of the fifth annual Girls Game to be played March 29, 2006 at San Diego State’s Cox Arena, with a portion of the proceeds going to Ronald McDonald House Charities® (RMHC®) of San Diego and their Ronald McDonald House program.

“Being selected for the McDonald’s All American Games is one of the greatest accomplishments in a basketball player’s career,” said legendary Coach John Wooden, chairman of the Games and 10-time NCAA Champion at UCLA (1948-1975). “Not only will these youth contribute to the list of the best basketball players of all-time, but they will aid in raising money for a very important cause.”

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The McDonald's All American Games are considered by many experts to be the best high school all star game in the nation, and the 2006 team features loads of talent both on the boys and girls teams.

"The McDonald's All American Game has the strongest legacy of any post-season prep basketball game in the country," said Michon Ellis, director of the Games for McDonald's Corporation. "The 2006 class features some of the most evenly-matched talent we've seen in a long time, making these games especially exciting both for the players who play in the games and for sports fans watching at home."

The 2006 McDonald's All American[®] Boys Team features top high school talent such as consensus number one player Greg Oden (Lawrence North High School – Indianapolis, Ind.), his teammate Mike Conley (Lawrence North High School – Indianapolis, Ind.), Kevin Durant (Montrose Christian School – Suitland, Md.), Wayne Ellington (The Episcopal Academy – Merion, Pa.), his teammate Gerald Henderson (The Episcopal Academy – Merion, Pa.) and Spencer Hawes (Seattle Prep – Seattle, Wash.). San Diego native Chase Budinger (La Costa Canyon High School – Encinitas, Calif.) also will play in front of his hometown fans, as will twin 7'0" brothers Brook and Robin Lopez (San Joaquin Memorial High School – Fresno, Calif.). The Boys Game will tip-off at 7:00 p.m. (PST), and will be broadcast live on ESPN.

The 2006 McDonald's All American Girls Team also boasts a talent-rich roster including Epiphanny Prince (Murry Bergtraum High School – Brooklyn, N.Y.), who scored 113 points in a single game earlier this year. Joining Prince will be fellow New Yorker (and rival) Tina Charles (Christ the King High School – Jamaica, N.Y.), Jayne Appel (Carondelet High School – Pleasant Hill, Calif.) and Amber Harris (North Central High School – Indianapolis, Ind.). Abi Olajuwon (Marlborough High School – Sherman Oaks, Calif.), daughter of former Houston Rockets great Hakeem Olajuwon, also will suit up for the West team. The Girls Game begins at 4:30 p.m. (PST) March 29, and be broadcast on ESPN2, Thursday, April 6, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. (PST).

For a complete list of players and more information on the McDonald's All American Game, please visit: www.mcdonaldsallamerican.com or www.mcdepk.com/2006allamericangame.

This year, 48 players were selected from 2,500 nominees by a committee of basketball experts. They were chosen not only for their on-court skills, but for their performances off the court as well. Coach Morgan Wootten, who had more than 1,200 wins as head basketball coach at DeMatha High, is chairman of the selection committee. Legendary UCLA coach John Wooden, who has been involved in the McDonald's All American Games since its inception, serves as overall chairman of the Games and as an advisor to the selection committee.

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Since its inception, more than 800 players have competed in the McDonald's All American Games, forming an elite list that reads like a Who's Who in basketball history.

McDonald's All American athletes include basketball greats Michael Jordan (retired), Magic Johnson (retired), Kevin Garnett (Minnesota Timberwolves), LeBron James (Cleveland Cavaliers), Carmelo Anthony (Denver Nuggets); NCAA men's players Rudy Gay (Connecticut), J.J. Redick (Duke) and Dee Brown (Illinois), as well as women's NCAA stars Candace Parker (Tennessee), Ivory Latta (North Carolina), and Seimone Augustus (LSU).

Every athlete who participates in the McDonald's All American Games visits the host city's local RMHC chapter. A portion of the proceeds from the 2006 McDonald's All American Games will benefit RMHC of San Diego and its many initiatives. Previous beneficiaries of McDonald's All American Games include Sickle Cell Anemia Research, the United Negro College Fund and many other local children's charities. Nearly \$5 million has been raised since the Game was first played in 1978.

In addition to the McDonald's All American Games, players will participate in the PowerAde Jam Fest (a slam dunk, team ball and 3-point competition) in Peterson Gym at San Diego State University, Monday, March 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. (PST). The segment will air immediately following the Boys Game, March 29 on ESPN.

New to the Games this year is an interactive Web site featuring never-before-posted photos, video highlights and Games History. The new electronic site is an easy-to-use, one-stop-shop for everything McDonald's All American, both past and present. Visit www.mcdonaldsallamerican.com. National sponsors for the 2006 Game include: Coca-Cola®, PowerAde®, Topps® and Reebok®.

About RMHC

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