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**TRINITY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE KENTUCKY BOYS FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 11, 2017) — In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Rondale Moore of Trinity High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Kentucky Football Player of the Year. Moore is the third Gatorade Kentucky Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Trinity 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 field, distinguishes Moore as Kentucky's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award to be announced in December, Moore joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Mitchell Trubisky (2012-13, Mentor High School, Ohio), Greg Olsen (2002-03, Wayne Hills High School, N.J.), Matthew Stafford (2005-06 Highland Park High School, Texas), Harrison Smith (2006-07 Knoxville Catholic High School, Tenn.), Latavius Murray (2007-08, Onondaga High School, N.Y.), Brock Osweiler (2008-09, Flathead High School, Mont.) and Leonard Fournette (2014-15 & 2012-13, St. Augustine High School, La.).

The 5-foot-8, 175-pound senior wide receiver caught 109 passes for 1,478 yards and 16 touchdowns this past season, leading the Shamrocks to a 15-0 record and the Class 6A state championship. Moore also rushed for 537 yards and seven touchdowns on 50 carries. Second on the state's single-season receptions list, he has been selected to play in the 2018 U.S. Army All-American Bowl.

Moore has volunteered with his school's yearbook and student newspaper. "Rondale Moore is the best player in the state," said Stephen Lickert, head coach at Campbell County High. "He's just a special talent. You have to account for him on every play and it makes the rest of the players that much better."

Moore has maintained a 3.71 GPA in the classroom. He has verbally committed to play football on scholarship at the University of Texas in the fall of 2018.

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 Player of the Year Selection Committee, 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.

Moore joins recent Gatorade Kentucky Football Players of the Year Jamale Carothers (2016-17, Bowling Green High School), Kash Daniel (2015-16, Paintsville High School), Elijah Sindelar (2014-15, Caldwell County High School), Damien Harris (2013-14, Madison Southern High School), James Quick (2012-13, Trinity High School), Patrick Towles (2011-12, Highlands High School), Lamar Dawson (2010-11, Boyle County High School), and Antonio Andrews (2009-10, Fort Campbell High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Moore will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow the conversation on Twitter #GatoradePOY. 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 <http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com/>.