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**KITTITAS SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE® WASHINGTON BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 8, 2018) — In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Brock Ravet of Kittitas Secondary School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Washington Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Ravet is the first Gatorade Washington Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Kittitas Secondary 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 Ravet as Washington'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, Ravet joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph HS, N.J.), Dwight Howard (2003-04, SW Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln HS, Texas), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood HS, Calif.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington HS, Colo.) and Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame HS, Calif.).

The 6-foot-1, 175-pound junior guard led the Coyotes to a 25-1 record and their second consecutive Class 2B state championship this past season. Ravet averaged 31.0 points, 8.8 rebounds, 9.0 assists and 3.3 steals per game. The Class 2B Player of the Year, he is also a two-time Eastern Washington Athletic Conference MVP.

Ravet has volunteered locally on behalf youth basketball programs. "Brock Ravet is a special player," said Will Hutchens, head coach at Dayton High. "He has skills that you almost never see at this level. His ball-handling is phenomenal, he has excellent shooting range and accuracy, and he sees the court exceptionally well. He can score whenever he wants to, but he almost prefers passing to his teammates."

Ravet has maintained a 3.58 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school 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 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.

Ravet joins recent Gatorade Washington Boys Basketball Players of the Year Michael Porter Jr. (2016-17, Nathan Hale High School), Isiah Brown (2015-16, Lakeside School), Dejounte Murray (2014-15, Rainier Beach High School), Jason Todd (2013-14 & 2012-13, Jackson High School), Jordan Chatman (2011-12, Union High School), Gary Bell Jr. (2010-11, Kentridge High School), Joe Harris (2009-10, Chelan High School), Peyton Siva (2008-09, Franklin High School), Abdul Gaddy (2007-08, Bellarmine Prep. School), and Jamelle McMillan (2006-07, O'Dea) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Brock 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/>.