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**SERVICE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® ALASKA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 21, 2013) — In its 28<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Adam Klie of Service High School as its 2012-13 Gatorade Alaska Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Klie is the first Gatorade Alaska Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Service 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 court, distinguishes Klie as Alaska'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, Klie 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-3, 187-pound senior guard has led the Cougars to a 27-2 record and a berth in the Class 4A state quarterfinals against Dimond, scheduled for March 21. Klie is averaging 19.2 points, 10.1 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 2.9 steals per game entering the state playoffs. A First Team All-State selection, he was named to the All-State Tournament Team each of the last two seasons.

Klie has maintained a 4.22 GPA in the classroom. He has volunteered as an elementary school teacher's aide and as a math and physics tutor in his school.

"He's very skilled and unselfish," said Ryan Engebretsen, head coach at Wasilla High. "He's explosive offensively, but he's willing to sacrifice his stats and do the nitty gritty stuff that his team needs."

Klie remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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 high school sports leadership team in partnership with [USA TODAY High School Sports](#), 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.

Klie joins recent Gatorade Alaska Boys Basketball Players of the Year Connor Devine (2011-12, Wasilla High School), Devon Bookert (2010-11, West Anchorage High School), Kyle Fossman (2009-10, Haines), Ryan Hanley (2008-09, Dimond High School), Kevin Winford (2007-08, Bartlett High School), and Jesse Bean (2006 - 07, Wasilla) 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 [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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