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BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED GATORADE® NEVADA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 21, 2014) — In its 29th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Noah Robotham of Bishop Gorman High School as its 2013-14 Gatorade Nevada Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Robotham is the seventh Gatorade Nevada Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Gorman 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 Robotham as Nevada'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, Robotham 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, 170-pound senior guard led the Gaels to a 29-4 record and the Division I state title this past season. Robotham averaged 16 points, 7.1 assists, 3.2 rebounds and 3.1 steals per game while shooting nearly 80 percent from the free throw line. The 2014 Las Vegas Review Journal Player of the Year, he led Bishop Gorman in scoring, assists and steals this season and helped the Gaels to three state titles and 112 victories as a four-year varsity starter.

Robotham has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has volunteered locally on behalf of an area homeless shelter and as a youth basketball coach.

"Noah Robotham is the player who makes Bishop Gorman go," said Todd Allen, head coach at Centennial High. "He is the one that leads them and makes the big plays on their team. He can quietly get 20 points while getting his whole team involved. When he is off the floor, Gorman is a different team."

Robotham remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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 <u>USA TODAY High School Sports</u>, 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.

Robotham joins recent Gatorade Nevada Boys Basketball Players of the Year Marcus Allen (2012-13, Centennial High School), Shabazz Muhammad (2011-12 & 2010-11, Bishop Gorman High School), Johnathan Loyd (2009-10, Bishop Gorman), Anthony Marshall (2008-09, Mojave High School) and Luke Babbitt (2007-08 & 2006-07, Galena High School) 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 <u>www.gatorade.com/poy</u>.