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**BOUNTIFUL HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® UTAH BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 20, 2015) — In its 30<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 Zac Seljaas of Bountiful High School as its 2014-15 Gatorade Utah Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Seljaas is the first Gatorade Utah Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bountiful 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 Seljaas as Utah'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, Seljaas 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-8, 205-pound senior forward led the Braves to a 22-6 record and their second consecutive Class 4A state title this past season. Seljaas averaged 25.4 points, 6.1 rebounds, 4.3 assists and 1.8 steals per game. He was a First Team All-State selection by both the Deseret News and the Salt Lake Tribune and was named to USA TODAY's All-USA Utah Second Team as a junior.

Seljaas has maintained a 3.74 GPA in the classroom. A devoted member of his church community, he has volunteered locally assisting the elderly and coaching youth basketball players.

"Seljaas is a great player," said Curtis Hulse, head coach at Clearfield High. "He was everything to his team. Whenever they needed a big shot, he would make it."

Seljaas has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Brigham Young University 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 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.

Seljaas joins recent Gatorade Utah Boys Basketball Players of the Year T.J. Haws (2013-14, Lone Peak High School), Nick Emery (2012-13, Lone Peak High School), Jordan Loveridge (2011-12, West Jordan High School), Nick Emery (2010-11, Lone Peak High School), Kyle Collinsworth (2009-10, Provo High School), Tyler Haws (2008-09 & 2007-08, Lone Peak High School), and Chris Collinsworth (2006-07, Provo 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 [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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