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**TAYLOR COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® KENTUCKY BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 17, 2016) — In its 31st year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Quentin Goodin of Taylor County High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade Kentucky Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Goodin is the first Gatorade Kentucky Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Taylor County 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 Goodin as Kentucky'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, Goodin 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, 190-pound senior point guard has led the Cardinals to a 24-8 record entering the state postseason Sweet Sixteen, scheduled to begin on March 17. A returning First Team All-State selection as named by the Associated Press, Goodin averaged 23.1 points, 7.9 rebounds, 4.8 assists and 2.9 steals through 32 games. He was shooting 46.8 percent from the field and 71.7 percent from the free-throw line entering the state tournament. A participant in the 2015 NBPA Top 100 Camp this past summer, he was also one of 38 players selected to the 2014 USA Basketball Men's Developmental National Team.

Goodin has maintained a 3.62 GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Beta Club and the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, he has participated in blood-donation drives in addition to donating his time as both a youth basketball instructor and a motivational speaker for a middle school basketball team.

"Quentin Goodin has been one of the most dominating players in the Fifth Region the last four years and one of the best players that has come through our region in a long time," said Tim Davis, head coach at rival Campbellsville High. "An outstanding athlete with a great work ethic, he has put himself in an elite category of great players that has played in the Fifth Region and state."

Goodin has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Xavier 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.

Goodin joins recent Gatorade Kentucky Boys Basketball Players of the Year Camron Justice (2014-15, Knott County Central High School), Quentin Snider (2013-14, Ballard High School), Dominique Hawkins (2012-13, Madison Central High School), Nathan Dieudonne (2011-12, Trinity High School), Timmy Knipp (2010-11, Elliott County High School), Elisha Justice (2009-10, Shelby Valley High School), Jon Hood (2008-09, Madisonville North Hopkins High School), Darius Miller (2007-08, Mason County High School), and Steffphon Pettigrew (2006-07, Elizabethtown High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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