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**DICKINSON HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED  
GATORADE® NORTH DAKOTA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 17, 2016) — In its 31<sup>st</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with USA TODAY High School Sports, today announced Aanen Moody of Dickinson High School as its 2015-16 Gatorade North Dakota Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Moody is the third Gatorade North Dakota Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Dickinson 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 Moody as North Dakota'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, Moody 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-2, 150-pound junior guard averaged 33 points, 5.8 rebounds and 3.4 assists per game while shooting 90 percent from the free throw line, leading the Midgets (16-9) to the Class A quarterfinals this past season. A First Team All-Conference selection, Moody led the Western Dakota Association in total steals, 3-point shots made and free throw shooting percentage and surpassed the 1,000-point mark with a year remaining in his prep career.

Moody has maintained a 3.67 GPA in the classroom. A member of the National Honor Society, he has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach.

"As a basketball player, Aanen Moody had an extraordinary season," said Luke Anderson, head coach at Jamestown High. "Not only did he score a tremendous amount, he did it while shooting a very good percentage in the process."

Moody 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 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.

Moody joins recent Gatorade North Dakota Boys Basketball Players of the Year Carter Kretchman (2014-15, Oak Grove Lutheran High School), Tanner Kretchman (2013-14, Davies High School), A.J. Jacobson (2012-13, Shanley High School), Dexter Werner (2011-12 & 2010-11, Bismarck High School), Nik Savageau (2009-10, Fargo North), Joe Hanstad (2008-09, Dickinson High School), Austin Dufault (2007-08, Killdeer High School), and Tate Kick (2006-07, Dickinson High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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