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**BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE TENNESSEE BOYS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (January 30, 2017) — In its 32<sup>nd</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Brodey Hasty of Brentwood High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Tennessee Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year. Hasty is the second Gatorade Tennessee Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year to be chosen from Brentwood 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 racecourse, distinguishes Hasty as Tennessee's best high school boys cross country runner. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year award to be announced in January, Hasty joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Lukas Verzbicas (2010-11, 2009-10 Carl Sandburg, Orland Park, Ill.), Megan Goethals (2009-10, Rochester, Rochester Hills, Mich.), Jordan Hasay (2008-09, Mission College Prep., San Luis Obispo, Calif.), Donn Cabral (2007-08, Glastonbury High School, Glastonbury, Conn.) and Chris Derrick (2007-08, Neuqua Valley, Naperville, Ill.).

The returning Gatorade State Runner of the Year, the 5-foot-6, 135-pound junior finished third at the Nike Cross Nationals Final this past season with a time of 15:37.1 to earn First Team All-American honors. Hasty also won his second-straight Class AAA state meet title in 15:09.07, leading the Bruins to a first-place finish as a team, and he broke the tape at the NXN Southeast Regional championships nearly 10 seconds ahead of his next-closest competitor. In addition, Hasty topped the field at the Great American Cross Country Festival in a course-record time of 14:32.20, the fastest 5K time in the country this fall amongst prep competitors.

A member of Brentwood's chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Hasty has volunteered locally as a peer tutor and as a youth running coach. "Brodey has become the pride of Tennessee high school distance runners," said Lance Winders, head coach of Henry County High. "During the race he's the most fierce runner I've ever seen. Afterwards he's just another kid on the team."

Hasty has maintained a weighted 3.17 GPA in the classroom. He 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 Player of the Year Selection Committee, 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.

Two-time winner Hasty joins Gatorade Tennessee Boys Cross Country Runners of the Year Adam Barnard (2014-15, Daniel Boone High School), Aaron Templeton (2013-14 & 2012-13, Hardin Valley Academy), Daniel Peters (2011-12, Montgomery Bell Academy), Michael Peters (2010-11, Montgomery Bell Academy), Brandon Lord (2009-10, Baylor School), Bill Matthews (2008-09, Baylor School), and Sean Keveren (2007-08, Brentwood High School) as athletes who have won the cross country award since its inception in 2007.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Hasty will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

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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