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**BISHOP MONTGOMERY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE® CALIFORNIA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 8, 2018) — In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced David Singleton of Bishop Montgomery High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade California Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Singleton is the first Gatorade California Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Montgomery 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 field, distinguishes Singleton as California'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, Singleton joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph HS, N.J.), Dwight Howard (2003-04, SW Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln HS, Texas), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood HS, Calif.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington HS, Colo.) and Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame HS, Calif.).

The 6-foot-5, 205-pound senior guard has led the Knights to a 27-1 season and the No. 3 seed in the California Interscholastic Federation Open Division tournament, scheduled to begin March 9. Singleton is averaging 25.2 points, 5.3 rebounds and 3.6 assists per game while shooting 46 percent from behind the arc. The Del Rey League MVP this year and a three-time league All-Star, Singleton has surpassed 2,000 career points while Bishop Montgomery owns a 120-7 record during his high school career.

Singleton has volunteered as a tutor at Los Angeles' Crenshaw High School, mentoring ninth graders. "David is a very talented player who has improved every year," said Bernard McCrumby, head coach at Junipero Serra (Gardena). "This year, however, I saw him take his biggest leap forward as a leader. He put his team on his back and vaulted them to a heck of a record. I enjoyed watching him grow, but I'm happy he's graduating."

Singleton has maintained a weighted 3.7 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at UCLA 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.

Singleton joins recent Gatorade California Boys Basketball Players of the Year Marvin Bagley (2016-17, Sierra Canyon School), Lonzo Ball (2015-16, Chino Hills High School), Tyler Dorsey (2014-15, Maranatha High School), Stanley Johnson (2013-14, Mater Dei High School), Roschon Prince (2012-13, Long Beach Poly High School), Grant Jerrett (2011-12, Lutheran High School), Ryan Anderson (2010-11, Long Beach Poly), Allen Crabbe (2009-10, Price High School), Michael Snaer (2008-09, Rancho Verde High School), and Jrue Holiday (2007-08 & 2006-07, Campbell Hall School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, David 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 the conversation on Twitter #GatoradePOY. 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 <http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com/>.

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