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**NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE® CONNECTICUT BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 20, 2017) — In its 32nd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Tremont Waters of Notre Dame High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Connecticut Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Waters is the first Gatorade Connecticut Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Notre Dame 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 Waters as Connecticut'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, Waters 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 5-foot-11, 160-pound senior point guard averaged 25.3 points, 4.6 assists and 4.6 steals per game while shooting 87.3 percent from the line this past season, leading the Knights (22-2) to the first round of the Class LL state tournament. A Jordan Brand Classic Game invitee, Waters is ranked as the nation's No. 33 recruit in the Class of 2017 by ESPN.

Waters has volunteered locally as a mentor for elementary school children and as a youth basketball coach. "Tremont Waters has the ability to take over a game in so many ways, regardless of the opponents' defensive strategy." said Notre Dame head coach Jason Shea. "That's what makes him the best player I have ever seen in my coaching career."

Waters has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Georgetown 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 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.

Waters joins recent Gatorade Connecticut Boys Basketball Players of the Year Matthew Moyer (2015-16, South Kent School), Steven Enoch (2014-15, St. Thomas More School), Alex Wolf (2013-14, Greenwich High School), Kurt Steidl (2012-13, Ridgefield High School), Kris Dunn (2011-12, New London High School), Andre Drummond (2010-11, St. Thomas More School), Brandon Sherrod (2009-10, Stratford High School), Greg DeSantis (2008-09, Notre Dame Catholic High School), Allan Chaney (2007-08, New London High School), and Matthew Bryan-Amaning (2006-07, South Kent School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Tremont 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.