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PORTSMOUTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE® NEW HAMPSHIRE 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 Joey Glynn of Portsmouth High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Glynn is the second Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Portsmouth 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 Glynn as New Hampshire'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, Glynn 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, 220-pound senior forward had led the Clippers to a 20-0 record and a berth in the Division I state final at the time of his selection. Glynn averaged 18 points, 11 rebounds and three assists per game while shooting 57 percent from inside the arc through 20 games. A First Team All-State honoree, he is the leading scorer and rebounder for a Portsmouth team that had won 42 consecutive games heading into the state final.

A member of his school's yearbook club, Glynn has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, drug and alcohol abuse awareness programs and as a youth basketball coach. "Joey Glynn is the best big man in the state," said Portsmouth High head coach Jim Mulvey. "He consistently brings his greatest effort night in and night out. He is the best rebounder in the state and one of the best scorers. He is a matchup nightmare."

Glynn has maintained a 3.38 GPA in the classroom. He remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Glynn joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Players of the Year Keith Brown (2015-16, Pelham High School), Terance Mann (2014-15, Tilton School), Isaac Copeland (2013-14, Brewster Academy), Eric Gendron (2012-13, Merrimack High School), Tyler Gendron (2011-12, Merrimack High School), Connor Green (2010-11, Bishop Guertin High School), Melvin Ejim (2009-10, Brewster Academy), Alex Oriakhi (2008-09, Tilton School), Emmanuel Negedu (2007-08, Brewster Academy), and Josh Owens (2006-07, Phillips Exeter Academy) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Joey 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.