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CAMPBELL COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE® WYOMING 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 Trey Hladky of Campbell County High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade Wyoming Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Hladky is the seventh Gatorade Wyoming Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Campbell County 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 Hladky as Wyoming'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, Hladky 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-8, 145-pound junior point guard averaged 23.3 points, 4.1 assists and 2.5 rebounds per game while shooting 43 percent outside the arc this past season, leading the Camels (17-10) to the Class 4A semifinals. A First Team All-State selection, Hladky led all of Class 4A in both points scored and assists per contest.

A member of the Wyoming High School Athletic Association's student advisory council, he wrote and recorded a song to promote suicide prevention awareness and has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach. "Trey Hladky is a great competitor who can singlehandedly bring his team back from any deficit by making difficult shots, getting his teammates open and getting steals on defense," said Jeff Martini, head coach at Sheridan High. "He plays with an aggressiveness and a will to win that most kids lack."

Hladky has maintained a B average in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school this fall.

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.

Hladky joins recent Gatorade Wyoming Boys Basketball Players of the Year Hoyt Nicholas (2015-16, Worland High School), Jalen Krening (2014-15, Rawlins High School), Cody Kelley (2013-14 & 2012-13, Campbell County High School), Jason McManamen (2011-12, Torrington High School), Taran Brown (2010-11, Campbell County High School), Dan Estes (2009-10, Laramie High School), Michael Dietz (2008-09, Natrona County High School), Justin Nelson (2007-08, Campbell County High School), and Kyle Bullinger (2006-07, Mountain View High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Trey 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 <u>www.gatorade.com/poy</u>.