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**GREEN HOPE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE NORTH CAROLINA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 12, 2017) — In its 32<sup>nd</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Camden Holbrook of Green Hope High School as its 2016-17 Gatorade North Carolina Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Holbrook is the third Gatorade North Carolina Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Green Hope 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 Holbrook as North Carolina's best high school boys soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Holbrook joins an elite alumni association of past state soccer award-winners, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel HS, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick HS, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-04, Blue Valley West HS, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire HS, Mass.), Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista HS, Colo.).

The 6-foot-2, 170-pound junior midfielder and forward led the Falcons to a 28-1 record and the Class 4A state championship this past season. Holbrook scored 17 goals and passed for one of his 24 assists in Green Hope's 3-0 win over Porter Ridge High in the state final. Holbrook was a North Carolina Soccer Coaches Association First Team All-State selection and a two-time Southwest Wake Athletic Conference Player of the Year. He concluded his junior year with 31 goals and 40 assists in his prep soccer career.

A member of the Green Hope High Drama Club, Holbrook has volunteered locally delivering food to the elderly. "What made Cam so good is he was dangerous from any spot on the field," said Chad Sichak, head coach of Panther Creek High School. "He has great vision and anticipates other players probably the best that I have seen at the high school level."

Holbrook has maintained a weighted 3.38 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.

Holbrook joins recent Gatorade North Carolina Boys Soccer Players of the Year Nick Hughes (2015-16, Franklin Academy), Clayton Sparks (2014-15, Jacksonville High School), Austin Stamey (2013-14, T.C. Roberson High School), Ade Taiwo (2012-13, Cardinal Gibbons High School), Jonathan Campbell (2011-12, Greensboro Day School), Cooper Vandermaas-Peeler (2010-11, Athens Drive High School), Teddy Mullin (2009-10, Jordan High School), Ben Newnam (2008-09, East Forsyth High School), Watt Williams (2007-08, Broughton High School), and Clint Irwin (2006-07, Charlotte Christian School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Camden 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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