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**JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OREGON BOYS FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (December 11, 2017) — In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Trey Lowe of Jesuit High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Oregon Football Player of the Year. Lowe is the third Gatorade Oregon Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Jesuit 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 Lowe as Oregon's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award to be announced in December, Lowe joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Mitchell Trubisky (2012-13, Mentor High School, Ohio), Greg Olsen (2002-03, Wayne Hills High School, N.J.), Matthew Stafford (2005-06 Highland Park High School, Texas), Harrison Smith (2006-07 Knoxville Catholic High School, Tenn.), Latavius Murray (2007-08, Onondaga High School, N.Y.), Brock Osweiler (2008-09, Flathead High School, Mont.) and Leonard Fournette (2014-15 & 2012-13, St. Augustine High School, La.).

The 5-foot-9, 185-pound senior running back and free safety rushed for 1,727 yards and 25 touchdowns on 135 carries this past season, leading the Crusaders (10-2) to the Class 6A state quarterfinals. Lowe, who missed two regular-season games due to illness, also caught 26 passes for 589 yards and 10 scores. Defensively, he recorded five interceptions. A First Team All-State selection as a junior despite playing in just eight games because of an injury, he concluded his prep football career with 3,654 rushing yards, averaging 13.5 yards per carry.

Lowe has volunteered locally with multiple community-service initiatives through the Police Activities League of Greater Portland. "Trey Lowe is one of the best backs I have seen in my 22 years as a coach," said Jay Minyard, head coach of Sprague High. "He has a great blend of speed and physicality that is very rare in high school."

Lowe has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has verbally committed to play football on scholarship at the University of Washington in the fall of 2018.

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.

Lowe joins recent Gatorade Oregon Football Players of the Year Tim Tawa (2016-17, 2015-16 & 2014-15, West Linn High School), Keegan Lawrence (2013-14, Sherwood High School), Jake LaCoste (2012-13, West Albany High School), Steven Long (2011-12, Lake Oswego High School), Brett Smith (2010-11, West Salem High School), and Jordan Johnson (2009-10, Sheldon High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Lowe 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/>.