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**BISHOP MIEGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE® KANSAS BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 8, 2018) — In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Jeremiah Robinson-Earl of Bishop Miege High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Kansas Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Robinson-Earl is the first Gatorade Kansas Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Miege 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 Robinson-Earl as Kansas' 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, Robinson-Earl 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-8, 200-pound junior forward had led the Stags to a 20-2 record and a berth in the Class 4A-Division I state quarterfinals at the time of his selection. Robinson-Earl averaged 21.5 points, 7.6 rebounds, 2.4 assists, 1.4 steals and 1.1 blocks through 22 games, connecting on 67.7 percent of his field-goal attempts (197-of-291). A two-time First Team All-State honoree by the Kansas Basketball Coaches Association, Robinson-Earl is ranked as the nation's No. 15 recruit in the Class of 2019 by Rivals.com. He entered the postseason with 1,128 points in his prep basketball career.

Robinson-Earl won the National Academy of Future Scientists and Technologists Award of Excellence as a sophomore. He has volunteered locally on behalf of the Make-A-Wish Foundation and as a youth basketball coach. "Jeremiah makes the players around him better," said Chris Grill, head coach of Maize High. "There really isn't a player that can guard this guy. We had to double-team him the whole night and he still made us look bad doing it."

Robinson-Earl has maintained a 3.75 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.

Robinson-Earl joins recent Gatorade Kansas Boys Basketball Players of the Year Mitchell Ballock (2016-17, Eudora High School), Jerrick Harding (2015-16, Wichita Southeast High School), Dean Wade (2014-15, St. John High School), Clay Custer (2013-14, Blue Valley Northwest High School), Semi Ojeleye (2012-13, Ottawa High School), Perry Ellis (2011-12, 2010-11, 2009-10 & 2008-09, Wichita Heights High School), Travis Releford (2007-08, Bishop Miege High School), and Tyrel Reed (2006-07, Burlington High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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