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**ALVIRNE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE® NEW HAMPSHIRE BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 8, 2018) — In its 33<sup>rd</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Max Bonney-Liles of Alvirne High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Bonney-Liles is the third Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Alvirne 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 Bonney-Liles 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, Bonney-Liles 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-4, 160-pound senior guard had led the Broncos to a 12-6 mark and a berth in the Division I tournament at the time of his selection. A second-team All-State honoree a year ago, Bonney-Liles led Division I with 21.3 points per game this winter along with six rebounds, five assists and two steals through 18 games. Bonney-Liles recently surpassed 1,000 career points in propelling Alvirne's turnaround from a sub-.500 squad in 2016-17 to a tournament team.

In addition to donating his time locally on behalf of the annual New Hampshire Vietnam Veterans Welcome Home Ceremony, as well as to the Special Olympics, Bonney-Liles has volunteered as a counselor in summer camps and also assists as an Alvirne junior varsity basketball coach. "Bonney-Liles is a really good player, a consistent 10-plus point a game guy who can jump out of the gym," said Jeff Holmes, head coach at Exeter High. "He's carried their team. He'd get my vote for player of year. And also, I know he's a quality kid."

Bonney-Liles has maintained a B average in the classroom. He remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Bonney-Liles joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Players of the Year Joey Glynn (2016-17, Portsmouth High School), Keith Brown (2015-16, Pelham High School), Terance Mann (2014-15, Tilton School), Isaac Copeland (2013-14, Brewster Academy), Eric Gendron (2012-13 & 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 Ngedu (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, Max 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/>.