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**ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE® RHODE ISLAND 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 Brycen Goodine of St. Andrew's School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Goodine is the seventh Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Andrew's 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 Goodine as Rhode Island'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, Goodine 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, 170-pound junior shooting guard averaged 21.1 points, 6.5 rebounds, 5.0 assists and 2.4 steals this past season, leading the Saints (25-7) to the New England Prep School Athletic Council Class AA Tournament title game. Goodine connected on 52.3 percent of his 3-pointers (134-of-256) and 89.8 percent of his free throws (141-of-157) and concluded his junior year with 1,904 points in his prep basketball career.

A student ambassador at St. Andrew's, Goodine has volunteered locally as a peer tutor and has also donated his time helping to feed the homeless. "Brycen is a high-level athlete that can do just about everything on the floor," said James Cormier, head coach of Cushing Academy. "He makes his teammates better, shoots the three and scores at the rim. That's what makes him most dangerous."

Goodine has maintained a 3.19 GPA in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to play basketball on scholarship at Syracuse University beginning in the fall of 2019.

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.

Goodine joins recent Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Basketball Players of the Year Cole Swider (2016-17, St. Andrew's School), Justin Mazzulla (2015-16, Bishop Hendricken High School), Corey Daugherty (2014-15, Barrington High School), Bonzie Colson (2013-14 & 2012-13, St. Andrew's School), Jarell Lawson (2011-12, Central High School), Michael Carter-Williams (2010-11 & 2009-10, St. Andrew's School), Jay Jeannotte (2008-09, Narragansett High School), Ashton Watkins (2007-08, Classical High School), and Rakim Sanders (2006-07, St. Andrew's School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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