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**THE WOODLANDS COLLEGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE® TEXAS 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 Quentin Grimes of The Woodlands College Park High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Texas Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Grimes is the first Gatorade Texas Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from The Woodlands College Park 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 Grimes as Texas' 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, Grimes 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-5, 200-pound senior shooting guard averaged 29.5 points, 8.6 rebounds, 4.9 assists, 1.8 steals and 1.5 blocks per game this past season, leading the Cavaliers (21-13) to the second round of the Class 6A, Region 2 tournament. A McDonald's All-American Game selection, Grimes is ranked as the nation's No. 10 recruit in the Class of 2018 by Rivals.com. He concluded his prep basketball career with 2,863 points.

The younger brother of Winnipeg Jets defenseman Tyler Myers, Grimes has volunteered locally with Play With Purpose, a non-profit program that works with at-risk youths. "Quentin has amazing God-given ability and he is very good offensively," said Dale Reed, head coach of The Woodlands High. "He has point guard abilities but can score from anywhere. He has unbelievable quickness and can play above the rim also while he shoots really well from beyond the 3-point line."

Grimes has maintained a weighted 3.38 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at Kansas University 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.

Grimes joins recent Gatorade Texas Boys Basketball Players of the Year Marcus Garrett (2016-17, Skyline High School), De'Aaron Fox (2015-16, Cypress Lakes High School), Admon Gilder (2014-15, James Madison High School), Justise Winslow (2013-14 & 2012-13, St. John's School), Marcus Smart (2011-12 & 2010-11, Marcus High School), Joseph Young (2009-10, Yates High School), Tommy Mason-Griffin (2008-09, Madison High School), Willie Warren (2007-08, North Crowley High School), and Gary Johnson (2006-07, Aldine High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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