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**BLUE VALLEY WEST HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE KANSAS BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 6, 2018) — In its 33rd year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Noah Mabry of Blue Valley West High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Kansas Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Mabry is the third Gatorade Kansas Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Blue Valley West 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 Mabry as Kansas' best high school boys soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Mabry joins an elite alumni association of past state soccer award-winners, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel HS, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick HS, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-04, Blue Valley West HS, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire HS, Mass.), Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista HS, Colo.).

The 5-foot-7, 130-pound senior forward led the Jaguars to a 15-5-1 record and the Class 6A state championship this past season. Mabry scored 40 goals and passed for seven assists, tallying all three goals in a 3-1 win over Olathe South High in the state final. The Class 6A Offensive Player of the Year, Mabry was a two-time First Team All-State honoree and an All-American selection by United Soccer Coaches. He concluded his prep soccer career with a school-record 60 goals.

An employee at Penn Station East Coast Subs, Mabry has volunteered locally at Alphapointe, assisting blind youth at a summer camp. "Noah's 40 goals this season are a tribute to his hard work on and off the ball and his outstanding ability to take on defenders at full speed," said Alex Aiman, head coach of Blue Valley West High. "He was truly a one-man wrecking machine."

Mabry has maintained a weighted 3.81 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at Rockhurst 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.

Mabry joins recent Gatorade Kansas Boys Soccer Players of the Year Miguel Baca (2016-17, Dodge City High School), Lucas Bartlett (2015-16, Saint Thomas Aquinas High School), Austin Halsey (2014-15, Washburn Rural High School), Steven Enna (2013-14, St. James Academy), Clay Stewart (2012-13, Olathe South High School), Austin Clifton (2011-12, Northwest High School), Nick Besler (2010-11, Blue Valley West High School), Jon Kempin (2009-10, Blue Valley North High School), Ethan Bauer (2008-09, Olathe South High School), and Coleton Henning (2007-08 & 2006-07, Saint Thomas Aquinas High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Mabry 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.

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