

RANCHO CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE® CALIFORNIA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 26, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced **Evan Mobley of Rancho Christian School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade California Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Mobley is the first Gatorade California Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Rancho Christian 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 Mobley as California's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award, Mobley joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Dwight Howard (2003-04, Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln High School, Texas), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood High School, Calif.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington High School, Colo.) and Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame High School, Calif.).

The 7-foot, 205-pound senior center led the Eagles to a 22-8 record and the Open Division playoffs this past season. The state's returning Gatorade Boys Basketball Player of the Year, Mobley averaged 20.5 points, 12.2 rebounds, 5.2 blocks and 4.6 assists per game. A member of the gold medal-winning 2019 USA Basketball Men's U19 World Cup Team, he has been selected to play in the McDonald's All-American Game, the Jordan Brand Classic and the Nike Hoop Summit, and was a finalist for the Naismith High School Boys Basketball Player of the Year trophy. Mobley is ranked as the nation's No. 1 recruit in the class of 2020 by 247Sports.com.

Mobley has donated his time feeding the homeless and coaching youth sports teams, and has volunteered locally on behalf of violence prevention programs. "Evan Mobley is an incredibly coordinated, skilled, gifted athlete for a player of any size, let alone a seven-footer," said Matt Dunn, head coach at St. John Bosco High. "He's incredibly efficient on offense and he changes the game defensively more than any kid we've played. He can quite literally do everything in the game."

Mobley has maintained a 3.84 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Southern California this fall.

Two-time winner Mobley joins Gatorade California Boys Basketball Players of the Year David Singleton (2017-18, Bishop Montgomery High School), Marvin Bagley (2016-17, Sierra Canyon School), Lonzo Ball (2015-16, Chino Hills High School) and Tyler Dorsey (2014-15, Maranatha High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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.

The 2019-2020 Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year announcement has been temporarily postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. To ensure the safety of everyone involved, The Gatorade Company will follow the guidance of experts and health officials as it determines the appropriate time to announce this year's winner.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Mobley also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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