

**NORTHFIELD MOUNT HERMON SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MASSACHUSETTS BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 8, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Khamari Hadaway of Northfield Mount Hermon School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Hadaway is the first Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Northfield Mount Hermon 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 Hadaway as Massachusetts' 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, Hadaway joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook High School, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel High School, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School of Young Women, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick High School, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-05, Blue Valley West High School, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire High School, Mass.) and Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.).

The 6-foot-5, 183-pound senior goalkeeper recorded 11 shutouts this past season, leading the Hoggers (15-1-3) to the New England Prep School Athletic Council Class A Tournament semifinals. The United Soccer Coaches State Player of the Year, Hadaway is a two-time Boston Globe All-Scholastic selection. Also the 2019 New England Soccer Journal Goalkeeper of the Year, he concluded his prep soccer career with 30 shutouts.

A member of a co-ed a cappella singing group at Northfield Mount Hermon, Hadaway has participated in a fundraising campaign to benefit children in Malawi who do not have the resources to play soccer. He volunteered locally with Operation Happy Birthday. "Khamari is most definitely one of the best keepers we have seen in New England in my time coaching," said Chris Kane, head coach of Milton Academy. "His great play helped make NMH a truly elite team defensively and overall."

Hadaway has maintained a 3.51 GPA in the classroom. He has made a verbal commitment to attend Princeton University, where he will play soccer.

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.

Hadaway joins recent Gatorade Massachusetts Boys Soccer Players of the Year Jacob Shaffelburg (2018-19, Berkshire School), Jacob Shaffelburg (2017-18, Berkshire School), Jake LaBranche (2016-17, Nauset Regional High School), Luca Levee (2015-16, Milton Academy), Jack Harrison (2014-15, Berkshire School), and Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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.