

**ST. ANDREW'S SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE RHODE ISLAND BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 4, 2021) — In its 36<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Matt Constant of St. Andrew's School as its 2020-21 Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Constant is the ninth 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 Constant 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 June, Constant joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jayson Tatum (2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.), Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Jabari Parker (2011-12, Simeon Career Academy, Ill.) and Dwight Howard (2003-04, Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.).

The 6-foot-2, 180-pound senior guard led the Saints to a 15-2 record this past season. Constant averaged 18.9 points, 8.5 assists, 8.1 rebounds and 3.0 steals per game while connecting on 46.2 percent of his 3-point shots and 92.2 percent of his free-throw attempts. A Second Team All-New England Private School Athletic Council selection as a junior, he concluded his prep basketball career with 1,201 points, 656 assists and 507 rebounds.

A native of Londonderry, N.H., Constant has volunteered with the Londonderry Youth Basketball Association, and he has donated his time on behalf of multiple fundraising campaigns to benefit the American Cancer Society through the Coaches vs. Cancer campaign. "Matt is one of the top point guards in the history of our program," said Mike Hart, head coach of St. Andrew's. "He will go down as our leader in career assists despite not playing a lot as a freshman on a loaded team that went to the New England Championship game. If COVID-19 didn't exist, Matt would graduate as our all-time leader in games won. He's been that good during his four-year career at our school."

Constant has maintained a 3.0 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Pace 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 works with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Constant joins recent Gatorade Rhode Island Boys Basketball Players of the Year Erickson Bans (2019-20, Shea High School), Tyler Kolek (2018-19, St. George's School), Brycen Goodine (2017-18, St. Andrew's School), and Cole Swider (2016-17, St. Andrew's School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Constant has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Constant is also eligible to submit a 30-second video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$2.7 million across 1,117 organizations.

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 [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com), on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).

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