

**THORNTON ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MAINE BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 15, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **William Davies** of **Thornton Academy** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Maine Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Davies is the first Gatorade Maine Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Thornton Academy.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the court, distinguishes Davies as Maine’s best high school boys basketball player. Davies joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Chet Holmgren (2020-21, Minnehaha Academy, Minn.), Trae Young (2016-17, Norman North High School, Ok.), Jayson Tatum (2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.), and Karl-Anthony Towns (2013-14 & 2012-13, St. Joseph High School, N.J.).

The 6-foot-3, 180-pound senior guard led the Trojans to a 17-4 record and the Maine Class AA regional final this past season. Davies averaged 19.7 points, 7.1 rebounds, 6.9 assists and 1.5 steals per game. He was named the Southwestern Maine Activities Association Player of the Year and was a finalist for the Maine Association of Basketball Coaches Mr. Basketball Award.

Davies has volunteered locally on behalf of a local food drive in Saco, organizing food delivery. He has also donated his time coaching at youth basketball summer camps. “Davies is the best player in the state,” said John Trull, head coach of Bonny Eagle High School. “Everything in their offense runs through him and he continues to get better every game. He has amazing court vision and makes his teammates better.”

Davies has maintained a weighted 3.62 GPA in the classroom. He remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Davies joins recent Gatorade Maine Boys Basketball Players of the Year Cooper Flagg (2021-22, Nokomis Regional High School), Cash McClure (2020-21, Maranacook Community High School), Bryce Lausier (2019-20, Hampden Academy), and Matthew Fleming (2018-19, Bangor High School), among the state’s list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade’s Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade’s social impact partners, supporting Gatorade’s ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners’ grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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