

**ST. MARY'S PREPARATORY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MICHIGAN BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 21, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Trey McKenney** of **St. Mary's Preparatory High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Michigan Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. McKenney is the first Gatorade Michigan Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from St. Mary's Preparatory High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the court, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes McKenney as Michigan's best high school boys basketball player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes LeBron James (2002-03 & 2001-02, St. Vincent - St. Mary High School, Ohio), Karl-Anthony Towns (2013-14 & 2012-13, St. Joseph High School, N.J.) and Jayson Tatum (2015-16, 2014-15 & 2013-14, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.).

The 6-foot-5, 212-pound junior guard led the Eaglets to a 27-1 record and the Division 1 state championship this past season. McKenney averaged 22.8 points, 10.1 rebounds, 3.0 assists and 1.3 steals, and he recorded 32 points and 10 boards in a 63-52 win over North Farmington High in the state final. The 2023 Division 1 Player of the Year, he is a two-time All-Catholic League First Team selection. He's ranked as the nation's No. 12 recruit in the Class of 2025 by ESPN.

A member of the St. Mary's Preparatory High School student council and class president, McKenney has volunteered locally as part of a fundraiser to purchase coats for Ukrainian refugees in Metro Detroit. He has also donated his time as a youth basketball coach. "Trey has taken his game to another level once again," said Gjon Djokaj, head coach of De La Salle Collegiate High School. "Last year, he showcased his skills and ability to score and create for himself. At the end of last season, he showed his willingness and ability to create for others when he was forced to do so. This season, he has shown how much the game has slowed down for him. He seems to be one or two steps ahead of everyone on the floor."

McKenney has maintained a 3.53 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

McKenney joins recent Gatorade Michigan Boys Basketball Players of the Year Sonny Wilson (2022-23, University of Detroit Jesuit High School), Chansey Willis (2021-22, Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School), Pierre Brooks II (2020-21, Frederick Douglass Academy for Young Men) and Emoni Bates (2019-20, Lincoln High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade's commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$4.9 million across more than 1,600 organizations.

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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