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

CHICAGO (March 20, 2025)— In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Trey McKenney** of **St. Mary's Preparatory School** is the **2024-25 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 School.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the court, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes McKenney as Michigan's best high school boys basketball player, and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Jayson Tatum (2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.) and Cooper Flagg (2023-24, Montverde Academy, Fl.).

The state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot-5, 225-pound senior guard averaged 21.7 points, 10.3 rebounds and 3.0 assists this past season, leading the Eaglets (20-7) to the Division 1 state semifinals. The state's Mr. Basketball winner, McKenney is a McDonald's All-American Game selection and a three-time Division 1 Player of the Year. Ranked as the nation's No. 18 recruit in the Class of 2025 by ESPN.com, he concluded his prep basketball career with 1.970 points.

A member of the St. Mary's Prep student council and president of the Class of 2025, McKenney has volunteered locally as part of a fundraiser to purchase coats for Ukrainian refugees in the Detroit area. He has also donated his time as a youth basketball coach. "Trey is a special high school basketball player," said Mike Schoen, head coach of St. John's Jesuit High School. "He plays the game at a high level, but also appears to be an excellent teammate. I have not seen a high school player who is as high-level of a shot maker and that makes him super-special."

McKenney has maintained a 3.58 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at the University of Michigan this fall.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports – 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.

Two-time winner 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) and Pierre Brooks II (2020-21, Frederick Douglass Academy for Young Men), 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, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 organizations.

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