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# Joey Dosik

## Game Winner EP

### About the album

Joey Dosik didn't set out to make a conceptual EP about basketball. It was his first love before music, and some of his earliest memories are of attending Lakers games, but he'd never thought to look to the sport for inspiration. But when Joey blew out his knee during his regular pick-up game and had to undergo reconstructive ACL surgery, he found himself confined to the couch, watching a lot of television and waiting to resume his normal life. He gravitated toward basketball, and when he started recording again, he found it seeping into his writing. The result is *Game Winner*, a brisk, emotive collection of songs loosely inspired by the language and lore of the game.

Joey is an inveterate collaborator who has worked extensively with the likes of Vulfpeck, Nikka Costa and Miguel Atwood Ferguson, and who is a vital part of an LA scene that updates vintage sounds into a more contemporary context. But *Game Winner* was a different project with a different process; the lion's share of the EP was recorded solo in Joey's home studio.

The common thread in the EP's six songs — as well as the four bonus tracks — is musicality and song craft: the two pillars of Joey's sound. "The most important thing is the song," explains Joey. "Songwriting won't go out of style." It's that approach, one that thinks beyond style, that gives the EP's title track its magic. Minimal and almost languid, "Game Winner" has a confidence that's hard to place in time, an ease that meets a buzzer-beater just as well as it meets a Sunday morning. Basketball may have been Joey's first love, but the sport is also the perfect metaphor for where he's ended up musically, always striving to stay timely and timeless, to bring deep, foundational elements in sync with innovation and imagination.

### Selling Points

- 'Game Winner EP' was originally released in 2016; the re-release will feature four bonus tracks available digitally for the first time
- Dosik is a Los Angeles-based multi-instrumentalist and singer-songwriter
- Dosik has toured extensively throughout the US and EU with the jam group Vulfpeck, including sold-out shows at Brooklyn Steel
- Past one-off performances include playing the National Anthem at stadiums across the US for NBA games
- Touring to continue in 2018 at SXSW and beyond in anticipation of his debut LP



### Details

**CATALOG NUMBER:** SC363

**RELEASE DATE:** February 23, 2018

**FORMAT:** CDEP/12"EP/Digital

**CD BOX LOT:** 50

**12"EP BOX LOT:** 50

**GENRE:** R&B / Soul / Singer-songwriter

**KEY MARKETS:** Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Chicago, Ann Arbor

**TERRITORY RESTRICTIONS:** Exclusive To Hostess In Japan

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### Tracks

#### SIDE A:

1. The Night Before...
2. Game Winner
3. Running Away
4. ...The Big Game
5. Competitive Streak

#### SIDE B:

6. Game Winner Remix
7. Northridge Park (Bonus Track)
8. Game Winner by The JD's (Bonus Track)
9. Running Away (Stripped Mix) (Bonus Track)
10. Gentle Giant (Bonus Track)



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