## NOTRE DAME ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WISCONSIN FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (December 5, 2025) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Kingston Allen of Notre Dame Academy is the 2025-26 Gatorade Wisconsin Football Player of the Year.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their excellence in sport, academics and community. The award recognizes Allen as Wisconsin's best high school football player, and he joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Peyton Manning (1993-94, Isidore Newman School, LA), Nick Singleton (2021-22, Governor Mifflin High School, PA) and Keelon Russell (2024-25, Duncanville High School, TX).

The 6-foot-1, 190-pound junior running back rushed for 3,436 yards and 57 touchdowns this past season—both constituting single-season state records—leading the Tritons (13-1) to the Division 2 state championship game. The Wisconsin Football Coaches Association co-Offensive Player of the Year, Allen was also a First Team All-State selection. He rushed for 1,741 yards and 27 touchdowns in Notre Dame's five-game postseason run.

Allen has volunteered locally with Warming in the Heart, serving food to Green Bay's unhoused community. He has also donated his time making beds for children through Sleep in Heavenly Peace. "Kingston is an incredible talent and what he is doing is remarkable," said Matt Binsfield, head coach of Kaukauna High School. "He is incredibly respectful and plays the game as it is meant to be played."

Allen has maintained a 3.60 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school next fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> program annually recognizes one state winner from each of the 50 states and Washington D.C., in 12 different sports: football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field. In total, 610 high school athletes are honored each year. From the pool of state winners, one national winner is selected in each of the 12 sports. 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 winners in each sport.

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 \$6.4 million in grants to winners across more than 2,200 organizations.

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

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