

**AMES HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE IOWA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 16, 2022) — In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Tamin Lipsey** of **Ames High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Iowa Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Lipsey is the fourth Gatorade Iowa Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Ames High School.

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 Lipsey as Iowa's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in March, Lipsey joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jayson Tatum (2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.), Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Jabari Parker (2011-12, Simeon Career Academy, Ill.) and Dwight Howard (2003-04, Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.).

The 6-foot-2, 180-pound senior guard had led the Little Cyclones to a 22-3 record and the Class 4A state championship game at the time of his selection. Lipsey averaged 15.9 points, 6.2 assists, 4.2 rebounds and 2.5 steals through 25 games. An Elite All-State selection as a junior, he's also a three-time First Team All-Conference honoree.

Also a football and track standout, Lipsey has served as a mentor for elementary school students and has volunteered locally on behalf of Upward Flag Football, which partners with churches to leverage the power of sports to achieve and increase the impact of their mission. "Tamin Lipsey is a phenomenal all-around player," said Nick Trask, head coach at Mason City High School. "He's a great teammate and a pass-first type of guy, but if you give him an inch he'll attack the hoop and he will score. He's a freak athlete who just floats when he jumps and can finish or pass out of tough situations—and his defense is spectacular."

Lipsey has maintained a 3.79 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at Iowa State University 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.

Lipsey joins recent Gatorade Iowa Boys Basketball Players of the Year Tucker DeVries (2020-21, Waukee High School), Bowen Born (2019-20, Norwalk High School), D.J. Carton (2018-19, Bettendorf High School), and Joe Wieskamp (2017-18, Muscatine High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Gatorade has a long-standing history of serving athlete communities and understands how sports instill valuable lifelong skills on and off the court. Through Gatorade's "Play it Forward" platform, Lipsey has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national organization of their choosing that helps young athletes realize the benefits of playing sports. Lipsey is also eligible to submit a short video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

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.