## MENOMONEE FALLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WISCONSIN BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (March 16, 2022) — In its 37<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Seth Trimble** of **Menomonee Falls High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Trimble is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Menomonee Falls 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 Trimble as Wisconsin'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, Trimble 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-3, 190-pound senior guard had led the Phoenix to a 24-3 record and the Division 1 sectional finals at the time of his selection. Trimble averaged 27.1 points, 7.4 rebounds, 4.4 assists, 2.3 steals and 1.7 blocks through 26 games. The Greater Metro Conference Player of the Year, he is a First Team All-State honoree and was selected to participate in the National High School Slam Dunk contest. Trimble is ranked as the nation's No. 27 prospect in the Class of 2022 by 247Sports.

Trimble has served as a mentor for a local elementary school student, has volunteered on behalf of youth sports camps in addition to helping to create his school's Awareness of Racial Inequality club. "Trimble is a strong and sturdy point guard who beats defenders off the dribble and uses his crazy vertical bounce to finish over opponents," said Paul Biancardi of ESPN Basketball. "He's special because he can play in an up-tempo game or execute in the half-court, and he's a great late-game free throw shooter."

Trimble has maintained a 3.29 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of North Carolina this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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.

Trimble joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Basketball Players of the Year Brandin Podziemski (2020-21, St. John's Northwestern Academies), Patrick Baldwin (2019-20, Sussex Hamilton High School), Jalen Johnson (2018-19, Nicolet High School), and Tyrese Haliburton (2017-18, Oshkosh North 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, Trimble 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. Trimble 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.