## ARCHBISHOP MOELLER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OHIO FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (January 6, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Jordan Marshall** of **Archbishop Moeller High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Ohio Football Player of the Year**. Marshall is the second Gatorade Ohio Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Archbishop Moeller 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 field, distinguishes Marshall as Ohio's best high school football player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Football Player of the Year award to be announced in January, Marshall joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Trevor Lawrence (2018-19 & 2016-17, Cartersville High School, Ga.), Matthew Stafford (2005-06, Highland Park High School, Texas) and Emmitt Smith (1986-87, Escambia High School, Fla.).

The 5-foot-11, 200-pound junior running back rushed for 1,961 yards and 30 touchdowns this past season, leading the Crusaders (13-2) to the Division I state semifinals. Marshall also caught 19 passes for 364 yards and four scores. A finalist for the state's Mr. Football award, he is ranked as the nation's No. 149 recruit in the Class of 2024 by Rivals.com.

A student ambassador for the Archbishop Moeller High School community, Marshall has volunteered locally as a youth sports camp counselor. "Jordan is an outstanding player," said Doug Ramsey, head coach of Elder High School. "He is physical and fast, very competitive and he's an all-around back. His abilities meant everything to the Moeller offense."

Marshall has maintained a weighted 4.23 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school 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.

Marshall joins recent Gatorade Ohio Football Players of the Year Gabe Powers (2021-22, Marysville High School), Corey Kiner (2020-21, Roger Bacon High School), Ethan Wright (2019-20, Manchester High School), and Cade Stover (2018-19, Lexington High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade's Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade's social impact partners, supporting Gatorade's ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

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