

**LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE SOUTH CAROLINA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 15, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Cam Scott** of **Lexington High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade South Carolina Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Scott is the first Gatorade South Carolina Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Lexington 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 Scott as South Carolina's best high school boys basketball player. Scott joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Chet Holmgren (2020-21, Minnehaha Academy, Minn.), Trae Young (2016-17, Norman North High School, Ok.), Jayson Tatum (2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.), and Karl-Anthony Towns (2013-14 & 2012-13, St. Joseph High School, N.J.).

The 6-foot-6, 180-pound junior guard averaged 19.2 points, 6 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 2.4 steals per game this past season, leading the Wildcats (20-7) to the semifinals of the 5A state tournament. Ranked as the nation's No. 44 recruit in the Class of 2024 by ESPN, he was the 5A-Region 4 Player of the Year as well as MaxPreps Player of the Year in South Carolina.

Scott has volunteered locally with the Bair Foundation, a nonprofit foster care agency, running activity booths during Foster Parent Appreciation celebrations and by helping set up for the organization's Christmas party. He also has donated his time at Special Olympics Day at Lexington High School, teaching basketball skills to students. "He can score from everywhere. He has great length and great defensive anticipation," said Ben Lee, head coach at River Bluff High School. "I don't think there is anything in the game that he can't really do."

Scott has maintained a B average in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school 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.

Scott joins recent Gatorade South Carolina Boys Basketball Players of the Year Gregory "GG" Jackson (2021-22, Ridge View High School), Bryce McGowens (2020-21, Legacy Early College School), P.J. Hall (2019-20, Dorman High School), and Josiah James (2018-19, Porter-Gaud), 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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