BREBEUF JESUIT PREPARATORY SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE INDIANA BOYS CROSS COUNTRY PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (January 26, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Cameron Todd** of **Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Indiana Boys Cross Country Player of the Year**. Todd is the first Gatorade Indiana Boys Cross Country Player of the Year to be chosen from Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Todd as Indiana's best high school boys cross country player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Lukas Verzbicas (2010-11 & 2009-10, Carl Sandburg High School, Ill.) and Edward Cheserek (2012-13, St. Benedict's Preparatory School, N.J.).

The 5-foot-9, 150-pound senior comfortably won the state title this past season before pushing himself to a new level on the national stage, earning All-American honors at both the Nike Cross Nationals Final (2nd place) and the national Foot Locker Cross Country Championships (8th place). Todd was the country's only prep boy to finish in the Top 10 at each national title race last fall. His runner-up finish at the NXN Final put him just two seconds off of championship pace. He ranked No. 4 in the national DyeStat 100 in 2023.

A member of the Brebeuf Jesuit Math Club, Wilderness Club, Psych Club and Jewish Student Union, Todd has volunteered locally on behalf of the St. Vincent DePaul Society and the Northside Food Pantry. He has also donated his time to the EKS Indiana Special Olympics and his school's intramural sports program. In addition, he serves as co-president of the Braves Student-Athlete Leadership Team. "Cameron Todd was a dual All-American in 2023 and added a state title as well as the NXR Midwest championship," said Rich Gonzalez of PrepCalTrack. "Tack on his Nike XC Town Twilight Invitational Race of Champions victory and he stood out as one of the nation's best prep distance talents of 2023."

Todd has maintained a 4.16 weighted GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to run on scholarship at the University of Notre Dame 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.

Todd joins recent Gatorade Indiana Boys Cross Country Players of the Year Kole Mathison (2022-23 & 2021-22, Carmel High School), Izaiah Steury (2020-21, Angola High School) and Gabriel Sanchez (2019-20, Lowell High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$4.9 million across more than 1,600 organizations.

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.