BREWSTER ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 21, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Nojus Indrusaitis** of **Brewster Academy** is the **2023-24 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Indrusaitis is the fifth Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Brewster Academy.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the court, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Indrusaitis as New Hampshire's best high school boys basketball 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 LeBron James (2002-03 & 2001-02, St. Vincent - St. Mary High School, Ohio), Karl-Anthony Towns (2013-14 & 2012-13, St. Joseph High School, N.J.) and Jayson Tatum (2015-16, 2014-15 & 2013-14, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.).

The 6-foot-5, 192-pound senior guard averaged 14.5 points and 4.6 rebounds per game this past season, leading the Bobcats to a 27-7 record and a No. 9 national ranking by ESPN. Indrusaitis made 43 percent of his 3-point attempts and led Brewster in scoring in its first season in the National Interscholastic Basketball Conference. A 2022 FIBA U-16 gold medalist while playing for Team Lithuania, he is ranked as the nation's No. 66 prospect in the Class of 2024 by ESPN.

Indrusaitis has volunteered on behalf of the Nida International Basketball Camp for youth players in Lithuania. "His offensive scoring ability is impressive," said Paul Peterson, head coach of Wasatch Academy. "He's a three-way scorer who can pull up, hit the 3-pointer and score at the basket. They run a lot of sets and most teams try to pressure you out of the sets. You could never rattle him ... He showed up in all their big games. When we did our scouting report, he was the head of the snake for their team."

Indrusaitis has maintained a weighted 3.8 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at Iowa State University 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.

Indrusaitis joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Basketball Players of the Year Tyler Bike (2022-23, Trinity High School), Matas Buzelis (2021-22, Brewster Academy), Alex Karaban (2020-21, New Hampton School) and Jordan Geronimo (2019-20, St. Paul's 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.