LEXINGTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE SOUTH CAROLINA 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 **Cam Scott** of **Lexington High School** is the **2023-24 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 celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the court, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Scott as South Carolina'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 state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot-6, 190-pound senior guard led the Wildcats (28-2) to the Class AAAAA state title this past season, averaging 22 points, 6.4 rebounds, 3.3 steals and 2.5 assists. A 2024 Naismith Award Watch List honoree, Scott was also the Class AAAAA Player of the Year and will graduate as the only four-time All-State selection in program history. He concluded his prep career as the school record-holder for career points (2,475), the single-season record-holder for steals (100) and the single-game record-holder for points (43).

Scott has volunteered locally on behalf of Midlands Orphan Relief and the Special Olympics. An altar server at the St. Thomas Catholic Church in North Charleston, he has also donated his time as a youth basketball coach and as a gift-wrapper for foster kids. "I would have to say that Cam Scott is the guy this year," said Bart Lee, head coach of River Bluff High School. "He's super-talented and makes the game look easy. His team won the state title and his game is remarkably complete."

Scott has maintained a 3.02 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Texas 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.

Two-time winner 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), and P.J. Hall (2019-20, Dorman 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 studentathletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u>, Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u> and Twitter at <u>twitter.com/Gatorade</u>.