BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATOR ADE TENNESSEE BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 27, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Hudson Allain** of **Brentwood High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Tennessee Boys Track & Field Player of the Year**. Allain is the third Gatorade Tennessee Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Brentwood High 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 Allain as Tennessee's best high school boys track & field 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 Alan Webb (2000-01, South Lakes High School, Va.), Kerron Clement (2002-03, Laporte High School, Texas) and Grant Fisher (2014-15 & 2013-14, Grand Blanc High School, Mich.).

The 6-foot, 165-pound senior sprinter won four events at the Class AAA state meet this past season, leading the Bruins to the team title. Allain won the 400-meter dash in a state-record time of 46.60 seconds, which ranked No. 23 nationally among prep competitors this spring. Allain also won the 200 dash and ran the anchor leg on Brentwood's winning 4x200-meter and 4x400 relay teams. The 2024 Tennessean Middle Tennessee Track and Field Athlete of the Year, he also took fourth in the 400 at the national Brooks PR Invitational.

Allain has participated in a service-mission trip to Guatemala. He has also volunteered locally as part of multiple community service initiatives through his church. "Every meet that I saw him compete, I was more and more impressed," said Chad Watson, head coach of Kirkwood High School. "I watched him improve in four consecutive meets. What he did in the 400 at the state meet was really impressive."

Allain has maintained a weighted 4.37 GPA in the classroom. He will attend Harvard University, where he will compete in the track and field, beginning 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.

Allain joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Jordan Ware (2022-23 & 2021-22, Memphis Central High School), Miles Ally (2020-21, Martin Luther King Jr. High School) and Brevin Sims (2019-20, Chattanooga School for the Arts & Sciences), 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, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 organizations.

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