## BOYLE COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE KENTUCKY FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (December 6, 2024) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Montavin Quisenberry** of **Boyle County High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Kentucky Football Player of the Year**. Quisenberry is the second Gatorade Kentucky Football Player of the Year to be chosen from Boyle County High School.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Quisenberry as Kentucky's best high school football player, and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Emmitt Smith (1986-87, Escambia High School, Fl.), Peyton Manning (1993-94, Isidore Newman School, La.) and DJ Lagway (2023-24, Willis High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-9, 175-pound senior wide receiver, running back and defensive back accounted for 1,788 yards and 26 touchdowns offensively this past season, leading the Rebels (12-1) to the Class 4A state quarterfinals. Quisenberry caught 49 passes for 794 yards and 13 touchdowns. He also rushed for 882 yards and 11 scores. Ranked as the No. 5 recruit in Kentucky in the Class of 2025 by Rivals.com, he also recorded 31 tackles and three interceptions defensively, in addition to returning both a punt and a kickoff for touchdowns.

Quisenberry has volunteered locally as a youth football coach and mentor. "You can't tackle him in a phone booth," said Doug Charles, head coach at Lexington Christian Academy. "They use him in so many ways. He can catch anything. There are no 50-50 balls with him, they're 90-10 balls. You just need to get it close and he'll get it. Then, they use him on the jet sweep. They can line him up everywhere and he proved that he's the straw that stirs the drink for them when the game is on the line."

Quisenberry has maintained a 3.27 GPA in the classroom. At the time of his selection, he had made a verbal commitment to receive athletic aid to play football on scholarship at the University of Kentucky next 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 across 12 different high school sports – 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.

Quisenberry joins recent Gatorade Kentucky Football Players of the Year Cole Hodge (2023-24, Christian Academy of Louisville), Travis Egan (2022-23, Bullitt East High School), Xavier Brown (2021-22, Lexington Christian Academy) and Jager Burton (2020-21, Frederick Douglass 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, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u>. Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.