THE HUN SCHOOL OF PRINCETON STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW JERSEY FOOTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (December 6, 2024) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Jack Moran** of **The Hun School of Princeton** is the **2024-25 Gatorade New Jersey Football Player of the Year**. Moran is the second Gatorade New Jersey Football Player of the Year to be chosen from The Hun School of Princeton.

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 Moran as New Jersey'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 6-foot-5, 225-pound senior quarterback led the Raiders to a 9-1 record and the Mid-Atlantic Prep League championship. Moran passed for a state-record 4,513 yards, completing 203-of-278 passes (73.0 percent) for 47 touchdowns and five interceptions. The MAPL Offensive Player of the Year, he passed for a single-game state record 608 yards with seven TDs in a 51-6 win over Mount Zion Prep (Md.) on Sept. 28.

Moran has volunteered locally with Books for Africa, collecting youth texts and library books to be donated. He has also given his time as a youth football coach and personal quarterback trainer. "Jack was a huge part of Hun's success this year," said Greg Bowman, head coach of Blair Academy. "He does so many things really well—stands in the pocket, can throw on the run, terrific accuracy and a big arm to go with it. He runs the offense so well and is a perfect fit for what they do."

Moran has maintained a B average in the classroom. At the time of his selection, he had made a verbal commitment to receive athletic aid to play football at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte 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.

Moran joins recent Gatorade New Jersey Football Players of the Year Miles O'Neill (2023-24, The Hun School of Princeton), Micah Ford (2022-23, Toms River North High School), LeQuint Allen (2021-22, Millville High School) and Audric Estime (2020-21, St. Joseph Regional 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 studentathletes, 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>.