## GREENFIELD-CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE INDIANA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

**CHICAGO** (March 20, 2025)— In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Braylon Mullins** of **Greenfield-Central High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Indiana Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Mullins is the first Gatorade Indiana Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Greenfield-Central 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 court, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Mullins as Indiana's best high school boys basketball player, and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Jayson Tatum (2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.) and Cooper Flagg (2023-24, Montverde Academy, Fl.).

The 6-foot-6, 185-pound senior guard averaged 32.9 points and 7.2 rebounds per game this past season, leading the Cougars (23-4) to the Class 4A Muncie Central Sectional championship game. Mullins also averaged 4.2 assists, 3.7 steals and 1.1 blocks while connecting on 47.6 percent of his 3-point field-goal attempts (88-of-185). A McDonald's All-American Game selection and a Naismith Trophy Award semifinalist, he's ranked as the nation's No. 16 recruit in the Class of 2025 by 247Sports. He concluded his prep basketball career with 2,158 points.

Mullins is a member of the Greenfield-Central High School athletic department's Student Leadership Academy. He has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach and has donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church. "Braylon had one of the best seasons that I have seen stat-wise in a very long time," said Trent Whitaker, head coach of New Palestine High School. "The kid cannot only shoot from anywhere in the half court, but if you get up on him, he's going to take you off the dribble. He can finish well above the rim or pull up and score mid-range, over the top of you."

Mullins has maintained a 3.66 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at the University of Connecticut 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 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.

Mullins joins recent Gatorade Indiana Boys Basketball Players of the Year Flory Bidunga (2023-24 & 2022-23, Kokomo High School), Fletcher Loyer (2021-22, Homestead High School) and Caleb Furst (2020-21, Blackhawk Christian 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>.