NOBLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MAINE BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 20, 2025)— In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Jamier Rose** of **Noble High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Maine Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Rose is the first Gatorade Maine Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Noble 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 Rose as Maine'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 5-foot-10, 170-pound senior guard led the Nights to an 18-3 record and a berth in Maine's Class A regional final this past season. Rose averaged 19.3 points. 8.9 rebounds, 8.3 assists and 5.1 steals per game. Rose was named Maine's 2024-25 Mr. Basketball and is a two-time Southwestern Maine Activities Association Player of the Year. He also won the 2024 Fitzpatrick Award, which is given to the state's top senior football player, after accounting for 2,456 all-purpose yards and 32 touchdowns as Noble's starting guarterback.

Rose has volunteered locally running youth basketball tournaments and with Noble's weekend youth programs, accruing 103 hours of community service time. "Every team he plays knows he is the best player and he still finds a way to impact and dominate games," said Jake Mills, head coach at Sanford High School. "He is an outstanding player and the best player we faced once again this season."

Rose maintained a B average in the classroom. He remains undecided on his collegiate destination this fall.

The Gatorade Player of the Year 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.

Rose joins recent Gatorade Maine Boys Basketball Players of the Year Pierce Walston (2023-24, Orono High School), William Davies (2022-23, Thornton Academy), Cooper Flagg (2021-22, Nokomis Regional High School) and Cash McClure (2020-21, Maranacook Community 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>.