BRENNAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE TEXAS 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 **Kingston Flemings** of **Brennan High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Texas Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Flemings is the first Gatorade Texas Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Brennan 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 Flemings as Texas' 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-4, 180-pound senior point guard led the Bears (33-3) to the semifinals of the 6A Division I state tournament this past season. Flemings averaged 20.4 points, 6.8 assists, 6.4 rebounds and 2.9 steals per game, shooting 82.7 percent from the free throw line. The Third Team Naismith All-American is ranked as the nation's No. 20 recruit in the Class of 2025 by ESPN.

Flemings has volunteered locally on behalf of Habitat for Humanity. He has also donated his time to a blanket and backpack drive for the needy in association with his club team as well as a food drive with Thrive Outreach San Antonio. "Kingston has the ability to beat his defender while also making the correct read once the defensive help [arrives]," said John Vargas, head coach at Oliver Wendell Holmes High School. "He is a pure point guard that makes the right choice far more often than the wrong choice. Simply put, this kid is amazing."

Flemings has maintained an A average in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at the University of Houston 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.

Flemings joins recent Gatorade Texas Boys Basketball Players of the Year Josiah Moseley (2023-24, Stony Point High School), Ron Holland (2022-23, Duncanville High School), Cason Wallace (2021-22, Richardson High School) and Daimion Collins (2020-21, Atlanta 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>.