

CLACKAMAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE® OREGON BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 26, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced **Ben Gregg of Clackamas High School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Oregon Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Gregg is the first Gatorade Oregon Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Clackamas High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Gregg as Oregon's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award, Gregg joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Dwight Howard (2003-04, Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln High School, Texas), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood High School, Calif.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington High School, Colo.) and Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame High School, Calif.).

The 6-foot-9, 200-pound junior forward averaged 21.1 points, 9.3 rebounds, 3.3 assists, 2.0 blocks and 1.9 steals while leading the Cavaliers (21-5) to the Class 6A state quarterfinals at the time of his selection. A two-time First-Team All-State honoree and a 2018 Class 2A state champion while attending Portland's Columbia Christian School, Gregg is ranked as the nation's No. 71 recruit in the Class of 2021 by 247 Sports.

Gregg volunteers locally with Clackamas Youth Basketball clinics. He also donates his time as a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. "Ben Gregg was the top player in our conference this year and was easily the best player we played against all season," said Erik Lyslo, head coach at Gresham High. "His ability to do so many different things on the floor to help his team win was very impressive. We played him completely differently in the two games we faced him, and it didn't matter. He was a step ahead of us every time."

Gregg has maintained a 3.3 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school in the fall.

Gregg joins Gatorade Oregon Boys Basketball Players of the Year Aaron Deloney (2018-19, Grant High School), Kamaka Hepa (2017-18, Jefferson High School), Zach Reichle (2016-17, Wilsonville High School) and Payton Pritchard (2015-16 & 2014-15, West Linn High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school 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 work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

The 2019-2020 Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year announcement has been temporarily postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. To ensure the safety of everyone involved, The Gatorade Company will follow the guidance of experts and health officials as it determines the appropriate time to announce this year's winner.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Gregg also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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