

TISHOMINGO COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MISSISSIPPI GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 13, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Meg Moore of Tishomingo County High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Mississippi Girls Basketball Player of the Year.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes for their excellence in sport, academics and community. The award recognizes Moore as Mississippi’s best high school girls basketball player, and she joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Candace Parker (2002-03 & 2003-04, Naperville Central High School, IL) Paige Bueckers (2020-21, Hopkins High School, MN) and Aaliyah Chavez (2024-25, Monterey High School, TX).

The 6-foot-1 sophomore guard led the Braves (28-2) to the 4A state championship this past season. Moore averaged 23.3 points, 7.4 rebounds, 1.8 assists, 1.5 steals and 1.2 blocks, sinking 87.2 percent of her free throws. The MVP of the 4A state championship game, she averaged 25.5 points and 10 rebounds a game in the final four while shooting 60 percent from the floor and 12-for-12 at the free throw line.

An active participant in Tishomingo County High School basketball team’s Service to Others project, Moore has volunteered locally supporting county youth programs. She has also donated her time to a Trunk or Treat event, providing candy and basketball counsel. “Meg Moore has a motor and also a height advantage,” said Jason Broom, head coach at Neshoba Central High School. “But her skill set would still make her a hard player to contain if she were an average-size player.”

Moore has maintained an A average in the classroom. She will begin her junior year of high school this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one state winner from each of the 50 states and Washington D.C., in 12 different sports: football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field. In total, 610 high school athletes are honored each year. From the pool of state winners, one national winner is selected in each of the 12 sports. 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 winners in each sport.

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 \$6.4 million in grants to winners across more than 2,200 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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