

## **REGIS JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE COLORADO BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 20, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Eric Fiedler of Regis Jesuit High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Colorado Boys 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 Fiedler as Colorado’s best high school boys basketball player, and he joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Jayson Tatum (2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, MO), Cooper Flagg (2023-24, Montverde Academy, FL) and Cameron Boozer (2022-23 & 2024-25, Christopher Columbus High School, FL).

The 6-foot-8, 215-pound senior wing led the Raiders to a 15-10 record and a trip to the third round of Colorado’s 6A state tournament this past season. Fiedler averaged 29.9 points—the best of any 6A scorer to reach the postseason—shooting 47 percent from the field and added 10.4 rebounds per game. He finished his career as the leading scorer in program history (1,909 points) and scored 30 or more points 12 times this past season. He’s ranked as Colorado’s No. 1 prospect in the Class of 2026 by PrepHoops.

Fiedler has volunteered locally at the Tennyson Center in Denver, working with children who have experienced trauma. He has also volunteered at a local food pantry and participated in a service-mission trip to Kenya. “Eric is an explosive basketball player,” said Joe Ortiz, head coach of ThunderRidge High School. “He plays the game with great confidence and aggressiveness. He’s very skilled and can beat you from out to 25 feet or down in the post. Combine all of that with his size and strength and you have a dominant high school basketball player.”

Fiedler has maintained a 3.76 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at Colorado State University 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](http://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](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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