

NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE CONNECTICUT BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 20, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Abdou Toure of Notre Dame High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Connecticut 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 Toure as Connecticut’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-5, 200-pound senior wing led the Green Knights to a 22-4 record and a trip to the CIAC Division I state semifinals this past season. Toure averaged 24.6 points, seven rebounds, three assists and two steals per game while shooting better than 70 percent from the floor and more than 40 percent from beyond the arc. The state’s reigning Gatorade Player of the Year, Toure concluded his prep career as a two-time state champion, two-time GametimeCT Player of the Year and the leading scorer in program history with 1,981 career points. He’s ranked as the nation’s No. 11 prospect in the Class of 2026 by Rivals/On3 and was one of 25 players selected to the 2026 Jersey Mike’s Naismith Trophy national watch list.

Toure has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach and instructor. “Abdou is an extremely dynamic, yet functional athlete who has developed into a true multi-dimensional, two-way player,” said Matt McKay, CEO and founder of Pro Insight. “His ability to generate a bucket in the half court has become elite.”

Toure has maintained a 3.13 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at the University of Arkansas 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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