

TATNALL SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE DELAWARE 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 Mason Collins of Tatnall School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Delaware 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 Collins as Delaware’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-6, 190-pound sophomore forward led the Hornets to a 17-5 record and the second round of Delaware’s DIAA state tournament this past season. Collins averaged 17.2 points, 11.8 rebounds, 4.3 assists, 3.1 blocks and 2.9 steals. A gold medalist with Team USA’s U16 National Team at the 2025 FIBA Men’s AmeriCup, he is ranked as the nation’s No. 4 recruit in the Class of 2028 by ESPN and played on the Nike EYBL circuit for Team CP3 last summer.

Collins has volunteered locally as a basketball coach at the University of South Carolina’s annual summer youth camp. “His size, agility and skill level make him a complete player and prospect,” said Patrick Kaiser, head coach of Tower Hill School. “I’ve been most impressed with his passing and discipline to make the right play. He could easily score 35 to 40 points a night if he wanted, but he’s a team player and he cleans up the boards, registering double-doubles without blinking an eye. He’s solid defensively too, as he leads their team in steals.”

Collins has maintained a 3.25 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his 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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