

NORTHVIEW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MICHIGAN 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 Cam Ryans of Northview High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Michigan 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 Ryans as Michigan’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-4, 200-pound senior guard and forward averaged 24.0 points and 8.1 rebounds per game this past season, leading the Wildcats (22-5) to the Division 1 state quarterfinals. Ryans also averaged 3.5 assists and 1.8 steals and connected on the game-winning 3-pointer at the buzzer in the regional final to advance Northview High School to the state quarters. A two-time First Team All-State selection, he is a two-time Grand Rapids Press Player of the Year and a finalist for Michigan’s Mr. Basketball award.

A two-year member of the Northview High School student council, Ryans has volunteered locally with the Special Olympics and as a youth basketball coach and referee. “Cam has been a very dominant player,” said Chris Jasinski, head coach of Wayland Union High School. “He has the ability to take over games and is a legit three-level scorer. Cam’s size and ability to score at the rim make him a very special player.”

Ryans has maintained a 3.29 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at Western Michigan 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 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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