

## WAYZATA HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MINNESOTA 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 Christian Wiggins of Wayzata High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Minnesota 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 Wiggins as Minnesota’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).

At the time of his selection, the 6-foot-5, 190-pound senior guard had led the Trojans (25-3) to a berth in the 4A state tournament. Wiggins averaged 21.4 points, 8.1 rebounds, 4.4 assists and 1.6 steals while connecting on 41.6 percent of his 3-point attempts through 28 games. A First Team All-Lake Conference selection also was named the Minneapolis Star Tribune Player of the Year.

Wiggins has volunteered locally with the Wayzata Breakfast Club, an every-other-week meeting of Wayzata High School students with a focus on, “food, fellowship and faith.” He has also donated his time to a local food pantry. “Christian Wiggins is hands-down the best high school player in Minnesota,” said Josh Ortmann, head coach at Buffalo High School. “Christian is a matchup nightmare on the offensive end and every game, he guards the other team’s best player.”

Wiggins has maintained a weighted 3.88 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at Iowa 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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