

SENTINEL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MONTANA 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 Lincoln Rogers of Sentinel High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Montana 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 Rogers as Montana’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-7, 190-pound senior guard led the Spartans to a 19-3 record and a Class AA state championship this past season. Rogers averaged 24.1 points, 9.4 rebounds, 2.7 assists and 2.5 steals while shooting 52 percent from the floor and 36.3 percent from beyond the arc. He hit the game-winning 3-pointer in Sentinel High School’s 47-46, overtime win over Billings West High School in the state final – part of a stat line that included a game-high 25 points, 11 rebounds and seven blocks.

Rogers has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach and as a camp volunteer at the Montana Elite Invitational, a three-day basketball event run by the Josh Huestis Foundation. “Rogers is the best player in the state,” said Drew Haws, head coach of Billings Senior High School. “I’d say because of his size, skill level and what he brings to the table with his leadership, was also the best player this season.”

Rogers has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at Montana State University in Moorhead 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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