

## **TUALATIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE OREGON 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 Pat Vialva, Jr. of Tualatin High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Oregon 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 Vialva as Oregon’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 5-foot-11, 165-pound junior guard led the Timberwolves to a 24-5 record and a third 6A state championship in five years this past season. He averaged 19.6 points while shooting 52.5 percent from the floor and 51.2 percent from beyond the arc and pulled down 4.1 rebounds per game. Vialva scored 27 points in Tualatin’s 70-69 state championship win over Central Catholic High School, hitting a pair of 3-pointers in the final 6.1 seconds to help the Timberwolves erase a seven-point deficit with less than a minute remaining. He is a three-time First Team Three Rivers League selection.

A member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Vialva has volunteered locally with Tualatin High’s Unified Basketball squad, which pairs student-athletes with intellectually challenged peers in celebration of sport. “In my opinion, Vialva is the hardest guy to guard in the state,” said Travis Myers, head coach of West Linn High School. “He also seems like a super nice kid who is well-liked by everyone.”

Vialva has maintained a 3.56 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior 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](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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