

COATESVILLE AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE PENNSYLVANIA 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 Colton Hiller of Coatesville Area Senior High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Pennsylvania 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 Hiller as Pennsylvania’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, 210-pound sophomore guard averaged 23.7 points and 6.6 rebounds per game this past season, leading the Red Raiders (22-7) to the Class 6A state tournament. The ChesMont Player of the Year, Hiller also averaged 3.2 assists, 3.1 steals and 1.1 blocks. He won a gold medal last summer with USA Basketball at the FIBA U16 AmeriCup and is ranked as the nation’s No. 3 recruit in the Class of 2028 by ESPN and 247Sports.

Hiller has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach. “Colton is a special prospect—he checks so many boxes and he’s still just 15 years old,” said Matt McKay, Pro Insight Founder & CEO. “An elite shooter with an advanced feel, his is a name to know for years to come.”

Hiller has maintained a B average 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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