

THUNDER BASIN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WYOMING 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 Gibby Williams of Thunder Basin High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Wyoming 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 Williams as Wyoming’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-3, 185-pound senior guard averaged 23.9 points, 8.4 rebounds and 5.5 assists this past season, leading the Bolts (15-12) to the Class 4A semifinals. Williams exploded for 35 points, 10 rebounds and 4 assists in a January win over Natrona County earlier this year and scored 30 points along with 5 rebounds and 3 assists against the Mustangs in a state semifinals loss. The younger brother of Gatorade State Boys Basketball Player of the Year Deegan Williams (2021-22), he was also named this season’s 4A Player of the Year. He concluded his prep career as the program’s leader in single-season scoring (627) as well as career points (1,555), overtaking his brother in both categories.

Williams has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach and is also an active member in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. “Gibby is the most complete player we played against,” said Scott Guillian, head coach of Scottsbluff High School. “Gibby can score it at all three levels against any defense, but what makes him special is that he always seems to make the winning play. It’s what makes him so hard to defend. The numbers don’t lie. He’s a complete player.”

Williams has maintained a weighted 3.51 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 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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