

HARVARD-WESTLAKE SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE CALIFORNIA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 21, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Trent Perry of Harvard-Westlake School is the 2023-24 Gatorade California Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Perry is the first Gatorade California Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Harvard-Westlake School.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the court, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Perry as California's best high school boys basketball player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes LeBron James (2002-03 & 2001-02, St. Vincent – St. Mary High School, Ohio), Karl-Anthony Towns (2013-14 & 2012-13, St. Joseph High School, N.J.) and Jayson Tatum (2015-16, 2014-15 & 2013-14, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.).

The 6-foot-4, 175-pound senior guard led the Wolverines to a 33-3 record and the CIF Open Division state championship this past season. Perry averaged 18.7 points, 6.2 rebounds, 6.0 assists and 1.8 steals per game while connecting on 68-of-144 shots from 3-point range (47.2 percent). A 2024 McDonald's All-American Game selection, Perry is a two-time Mission league MVP. He's ranked as the nation's No. 26 recruit in the Class of 2024 by ESPN.

Perry has volunteered locally as part of an annual Christmas toy drive to benefit low-income families. He has also donated his time as a youth basketball coach and on behalf of The Civics Center, a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization working to make voter registration part of every high school in America. "Trent is the ultimate winner and team player," said David Rebibo, head coach of Harvard-Westlake School. "He impacts [outcomes] and is willing to do whatever it takes to win."

Perry has maintained a weighted 3.44 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Southern California this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, boys and girls soccer, baseball, softball, and boys and girls track & field, and awards one National Player of the Year in each sport. 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 state winners in each sport.

Perry joins recent Gatorade California Boys Basketball Players of the Year Jared McCain (2022-23 & 2021-22, Centennial High School), Malik Thomas (2020-21, Damien High School) and Evan Mobley (2019-20, Rancho Christian School), among the state's list of former award winners.

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, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$4.9 million across more than 1,600 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 Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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