

SUSSEX HAMILTON HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE® WISCONSIN BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 26, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced **Patrick Baldwin of Sussex Hamilton High School** as its **2019-20 Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Baldwin is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Sussex Hamilton High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Baldwin as Wisconsin's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award, Baldwin joins an elite alumni association of past state boys basketball award winners, including Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Dwight Howard (2003-04, Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.), Chris Bosh (2001-02, Lincoln High School, Texas), Paul Pierce (1994-95, Inglewood High School, Calif.), Chauncey Billups (1993-94 & 1994-95, George Washington High School, Colo.) and Jason Kidd (1991-92, St. Joseph Notre Dame High School, Calif.).

The 6-foot-9, 210-pound junior guard led the Chargers to a 21-3 record and the Division 1 sectional semifinals at the time of his selection. Baldwin averaged 24.2 points, 11.0 rebounds, 4.2 assists and 1.7 blocks through 24 games. A First Team All-State selection, he is also the Greater Metro Conference Player of the Year and is ranked as the nation's No. 3 recruit in the Class of 2021 by ESPN.

Baldwin has volunteered locally on behalf of an elementary school reading initiative and youth basketball programs. "Patrick Baldwin is the real deal," said Tim Arndorfer, head coach at Wauwatosa East High. "I've been coaching for close to 15 years and I've never seen a player like him. He can influence the game in so many different ways."

Baldwin has maintained a 3.62 GPA in the classroom. He will begin his senior year of high school this fall.

Baldwin joins Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Basketball Players of the Year Jalen Johnson (2018-19, Nicolet High School), Tyrese Haliburton (2017-18, Oshkosh North High School), Kobe King (2016-17, La Crosse Central High School), Sam Hauser (2015-16, Stevens Point Area Senior High School), and Henry Ellenson (2014-15, Rice Lake High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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 work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

The 2019-2020 Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year announcement has been temporarily postponed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. To ensure the safety of everyone involved, The Gatorade Company will follow the guidance of experts and health officials as it determines the appropriate time to announce this year's winner.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Baldwin also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of his choosing. He is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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