

**GREAT FALLS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MONTANA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 4, 2021) — In its 36<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Drew Wyman of Great Falls High School as its 2020-21 Gatorade Montana Boys Basketball Player of the Year. Wyman is the fourth Gatorade Montana Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Great Falls 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 Wyman as Montana's best high school boys basketball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Basketball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Wyman joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jayson Tatum (2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.), Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Jabari Parker (2011-12, Simeon Career Academy, Ill.) and Dwight Howard (2003-04, Southwest Atlanta Christian Academy, Ga.).

The 6-foot-5, 205-pound senior forward led the Bison to a 16-2 record and the Class AA state championship game this past season. Wyman averaged 20.5 points, 8.2 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game, while shooting 57.4 percent from the floor. The Class AA East Most Outstanding Offensive Player, he is also a two-time All-State selection and a three-time All-Conference honoree.

Wyman has served as a math tutor for younger students and has volunteered locally on behalf of the Salvation Army and youth basketball programs. "Drew Wyman is probably the toughest kid I've ever had to game-plan against," said Kelly Darragh, head coach at Billings West High. "He can play inside or outside, he can score and he can rebound. He's a matchup nightmare for everybody, and he plays the game the right way."

Wyman has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to play basketball on scholarship at the College of Idaho 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 works with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Wyman joins recent Gatorade Montana Boys Basketball Players of the Year Rollie Worster (2019-20 & 2018-19, Hellgate High School), Sam Beighle (2017-18, Sentinel High School), and Brendan Howard (2016-17, Great Falls High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Wyman has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Wyman is also eligible to submit a 30-second video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$2.7 million across 1,117 organizations.

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 [playeroftheyear.gatorade.com](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com), on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).

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