

**WEST BLOOMFIELD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MICHIGAN GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 8, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Indya Davis of West Bloomfield High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Michigan Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Davis is the first Gatorade Michigan Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from West Bloomfield 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 court, distinguishes Davis as Michigan's best high school girls basketball player. Davis joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Kiki Rice (2021-22, Sidwell Friends School, Washington, D.C.), Paige Bueckers (2019-20, Hopkins High School, Minn.), Nneka Ogwumike (2007-08, CyFair High School, Texas), and Candace Parker (2003-04 & 2002-03, Naperville Central High School, Ill.).

At the time of her selection, the 5-foot-9 junior guard and forward had led the Lakers to a 21-2 record and a berth in the Division 1, District 7 tournament championship game. Davis averaged 16.3 points, 8.5 rebounds, 3.4 steals and 1.8 assists through 22 games. She was a 2022 MLive.com Metro Detroit Dream Team member after leading West Bloomfield to the Division 1 state title last year.

Davis has volunteered locally at an adult day care facility in addition to donating her time as a tutor with the Farmington African American Parent Network and as a youth basketball coach. "Indya is an absolute stud player," said Kellen James, head coach of Stoney Creek High School. "She is able to do everything for her team. She shoots the ball from the outside at a very high rate, rebounds, defends and runs their offensive extremely efficiently. Against us, there was no stopping her."

Davis has maintained a 3.58 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to play basketball on scholarship at Michigan State University beginning in the fall of 2024.

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.

Davis joins recent Gatorade Michigan Girls Basketball Players of the Year Ruby Whitehorn (2021-22, Detroit Edison Public School Academy), Bree Salenbien (2020-21, Lenawee Christian School), Gabrielle Elliot (2019-20, Detroit Edison Public Academy), and Rickea Jackson (2018-19, Detroit Edison Public School Academy), among the state's list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade's Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade's social impact partners, supporting Gatorade's ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

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