

**UNIVERSITY OF DETROIT JESUIT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE MICHIGAN BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 15, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Sonny Wilson** of **University of Detroit Jesuit High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Michigan Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Wilson is the second Gatorade Michigan Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from University of Detroit Jesuit 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 Wilson as Michigan's best high school boys basketball player. Wilson joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Chet Holmgren (2020-21, Minnehaha Academy, Minn.), Trae Young (2016-17, Norman North High School, Ok.), Jayson Tatum (2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.), and Karl-Anthony Towns (2013-14 & 2012-13, St. Joseph High School, N.J.).

At the time of his selection, the 6-foot, 170-pound senior guard had led the Cubs to a 19-4 record and a berth in the Division 1, District 25 championship game. Wilson had averaged 22.0 points, 5.2 rebounds, 4.0 assists and 2.3 steals per game through 23 contests. A three-time All-Catholic League selection and a 2022 Detroit Free Press Division 1 First Team All-State honoree, he entered the district title game with 1,411 points in his prep basketball career.

Wilson has volunteered locally as a student ambassador at University of Detroit Jesuit High School. He has also donated his time on behalf of the Franciscan Outreach Food Bank and as a youth basketball coach. "Sonny has been the consummate leader from the day he started here," said Pat Donnelly, head coach of University of Detroit Jesuit High School. "He leads by example with his hard work and competitive drive to be successful. What Sonny lacks in [height and weight] he more than makes up for in toughness, competitiveness and production."

Wilson has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Toledo 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.

Wilson joins recent Gatorade Michigan Boys Basketball Players of the Year Chansey Willis (2021-22, Martin Luther King Jr. Senior High School), Pierre Brooks II (2020-21, Frederick Douglass Academy for Young Men), and Emoni Bates (2019-20 & 2018-19, Lincoln High School), 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.

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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