

**WEST LINN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE OREGON BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (March 15, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Jackson Shelstad** of **West Linn High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Oregon Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Shelstad is the second Gatorade Oregon Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from West Linn 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 Shelstad as Oregon's best high school boys basketball player. Shelstad 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.).

The state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 6-foot, 170-pound senior guard had led the Lions to a 27-1 record and a berth in the Class 6A state semifinals at the time of his selection. Shelstad averaged 28.2 points, 5.4 rebounds, 3.5 assists and 1.9 steals per game entering the state final four, connecting on 41.7 percent of his 3-pointers (78-of-187) through 28 games. Named to Team USA roster for the Nike Hoop Summit in April, he's a three-time Three Rivers League Player of the Year ranks as the nation's No. 36 recruit in the Class of 2023 by ESPN.com.

Shelstad has volunteered locally as part of multiple fundraising campaigns to benefit children's cancer research. He has also donated his time as a youth basketball coach and counselor. "When it comes to playing the game the right way and being an impact player, Shelstad is one of the best in the country," said Paul Biancardi, National Recruiting Director for ESPN. "He's a big-time scoring point guard while also being floor general. He reminds me of former West Linn great and NBA player Payton Pritchard in terms of being both a knock-down shooter who loves a challenge and has high-level competitive spirit. He's led his team to a national spotlight in the ESPN 25 team rankings."

Shelstad has maintained a 3.30 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at the University of Oregon 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.

Two-time winner Shelstad joins recent Gatorade Oregon Boys Basketball Players of the Year Lamar Washington (2020-21, Jefferson High School), Ben Gregg (2019-20, Clackamas High School), and Aaron Deloney (2018-19, Grant 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](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).

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