

**PEWAUKEE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE WISCONSIN 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 **Milan Momcilovic** of **Pewaukee High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Momcilovic is the first Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Pewaukee 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 Momcilovic as Wisconsin's best high school boys basketball player. Momcilovic 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 6-foot-8, 205-pound senior forward had led the Pirates to a 24-3 record and a berth in the Division II sectional finals at the time of his selection. Ranked the nation's No. 46 recruit in the Class of 2023 by ESPN, Momcilovic averaged 22.8 points, 8.9 rebounds, 2.6 assists, 1.0 steals and 1.2 blocks per game through 27 contests. He was the unanimous pick as the Woodland-West Conference Player of the Year for a third straight season.

Momcilovic has volunteered locally at nursing homes in association with Key Club, a student-led organization that promotes community service among high school students. He also has donated his time to Special Olympics initiatives, running practices for the athletes and raising funds for the organization. "Momcilovic is a skilled forward who makes plays as a facilitator and as a scoring threat," said Paul Biancardi, National Recruiting Director for ESPN. "When you study his game, his footwork is on point, his shot and pass fakes are clever, allowing him to create space for his own shot and drive. Momcilovic knows how to draw fouls and has a great understanding on how to play both with and off the ball."

Momcilovic has maintained a 3.34 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at Iowa State University 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.

Momcilovic joins recent Gatorade Wisconsin Boys Basketball Players of the Year Seth Trimble (2021-22, Menomonee Falls High School), Brandin Podziemski (2020-21, St. John's Northwestern Academies), Patrick Baldwin (2019-20, Sussex Hamilton High School), and Jalen Johnson (2018-19, Nicolet 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.

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