

BISHOP GORMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEVADA GIRLS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 14, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Aaliah Spaight of Bishop Gorman High School is the 2023-24 Gatorade Nevada Girls Basketball Player of the Year. Spaight is the fourth Gatorade Nevada Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bishop Gorman High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation’s top high school athletes for excellence on the court, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Spaight as Nevada’s best high school girls basketball player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Candace Parker (2003-04, 2002-03 & 2001-02, Naperville Central High School, Ill.), Paige Bueckers (2017-18, Hopkins High School, Minn.) and Juju Watkins (2022-23 & 2021-22, Sierra Canyon School, Calif.).

The 5-foot-8 sophomore guard averaged 17.5 points, 7.1 rebounds, 5.4 assists and 4.4 steals per game this past season, leading the Gaels (24-4) to the Class 5A state championship. Also the 2024 Class 5A Offensive Player of the Year, Spaight averaged 23 points, 8.3 rebounds, six assists and six steals per game in her team’s three-game postseason run to the title. She shot 66 percent from inside the arc in 2024.

Spaight has volunteered locally as a youth basketball coach and has also donated her time by participating in holiday initiatives to feed the less fortunate. “Aaliah Spaight is a dominant guard who demonstrates next-level composure on the court,” said Rico Dunn, head coach of Silverado High School. “Throughout the state championship game, she was calm, cool and collected despite multiple double- and triple-teams by a much lengthier Centennial squad. She accounted for 40 percent of the Lady Gaels scoring that night even with the increased attention from the Lady Bulldogs. She put Bishop Gorman on her back and willed them to the state title.”

Spaight has maintained a B average in the classroom. She will begin her junior year of high school 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.

Spaight joins recent Gatorade Nevada Girls Basketball Players of the Year Ali’a Matavao (2022-23 & 2021-22, Liberty High School) and Taylor Bigby (2020-21 & 2019-20, Centennial High School), among the state’s list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade’s commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners’ grants have totaled more than \$4.9 million across more than 1,600 organizations.

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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