

**CLARKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE TENNESSEE 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 **Imari Berry** of **Clarksville High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Tennessee Girls Basketball Player of the Year**. Berry is the second Gatorade Tennessee Girls Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Clarksville 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 Berry as Tennessee’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-10 senior point guard led the Wildcats (31-1) to the Class 4A state quarterfinals this past season, averaging 23.8 points, 6.1 rebounds, 4.1 steals and 2.8 assists. A McDonald’s All-American Game selection, Berry is a three-time Class 4A Miss Basketball finalist and is ranked as the nation’s No. 13 recruit in the Class of 2024 by espnW. She concluded her prep basketball career with 2,199 points.

Berry has volunteered locally as a youth basketball referee and she has donated her time on behalf of a fundraiser to benefit one of her former basketball trainers. “Imari is an outstanding ball player who can pretty much do anything on the floor,” said Clay Head, head coach of Rossvie High School. “What sets her apart is her basketball IQ.”

Berry has maintained a B-plus average in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play basketball on scholarship at Clemson 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.

Berry joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Girls Basketball Players of the Year Jalon Cambridge (2022-23, Ensworth School), Karly Weathers (2021-22, Loretto High School), Lashae Dwyer (2020-21, The Webb School) and Madison Hayes (2019-20, East Hamilton 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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