

**LEHI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE UTAH BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (March 21, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Cooper Lewis** of **Lehi High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Utah Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Lewis is the first Gatorade Utah Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Lehi 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 Lewis as Utah's best high school boys 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 LeBron James (2002-03 & 2001-02, St. Vincent - St. Mary High School, Ohio), Karl-Anthony Towns (2013-14 & 2012-13, St. Joseph High School, N.J.) and Jayson Tatum (2015-16, 2014-15 & 2013-14, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.).

The 6-foot-2, 180-pound senior small forward averaged 27.3 points, 4.4 rebounds and 2.0 steals this past season, leading the Pioneers (23-4) to the Class 6A state title. Lewis clicked for 30 points, four assists and two rebounds in the state championship game and shot 41.7 percent from behind the 3-point line in the postseason. A two-time state champion and the 2024 state tournament MVP, he's ranked as Utah's No. 16 recruit in the Class of 2024 by PrepHoops.

Lewis is an active member of his LDS church community and has participated in a philanthropic fundraiser to support the Utah Rush Wheelchair Basketball Team. He has also donated his time locally performing snow removal and landscaping for neighbors in addition to coaching at youth basketball camps. "Cooper Lewis is the ultimate winner who'll do whatever is required to lead his team," said Jeff Gardner, head coach of Skyridge High School. "He has a unique ability to create and make shots from all over the floor and is one of the best offensive players this state has ever seen. Above all, he's a great leader and a class act."

Lewis has maintained a 3.92 GPA in the classroom. He remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

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.

Lewis joins recent Gatorade Utah Boys Basketball Players of the Year Quentin Meza (2022-23, Cyprus High School), Collin Chandler (2021-22, Farmington High School), Nolan Hickman (2020-21, Wasatch Academy), and Dallin Hall (2019-20, Fremont 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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