

LOYOLA SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MONTANA BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (March 20, 2025)— In its 40th year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Reynolds Johnston** of **Loyola Sacred Heart High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Montana Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Johnston is the first Gatorade Montana Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Loyola Sacred Heart High School.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes for their success on the court, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Johnston as Montana's best high school boys basketball player, and he joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Karl-Anthony Towns (2012-13 & 2013-14, St. Joseph High School, N.J.), Jayson Tatum (2013-14, 2014-15 & 2015-16, Chaminade College Preparatory School, Mo.) and Cooper Flagg (2023-24, Montverde Academy, Fl.).

The 6-foot-6, 235-pound senior forward led the Rams to a 25-1 record and their third consecutive Class B state championship title this past season. Johnston averaged 22 points, 8.4 rebounds and 4.8 assists this past season, capped off by a 31-point, 13-rebound performance in the state final—a game in which he scored 17 consecutive points in the first quarter of a 91-57 win over Lodge Grass. He was also Montana’s 2023-24 Gatorade Player of the Year.

A National Honor Society member, Johnston has volunteered locally at youth basketball camps. He has also worked as a river safety guide on commercial whitewater rafting trips. “I’ve coached in this conference for 10 years and he’s the best player I’ve ever coached against and it’s not close,” said Dakota Norris, head coach at Anaconda High School. “It’s no disrespect to those other players, but he’s that good.”

Johnston has maintained an A average in the classroom. He has verbally committed to play basketball at the College of Idaho this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports - 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 Johnston joins recent Gatorade Montana Boys Basketball Players of the Year Dougie Peoples (2022-23, Butte Central Catholic High School), Brayden Koch (2021-22, Capital High School) and Drew Wyman (2020-21, Great Falls 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, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 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 Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://www.instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X(Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.