

**PAPILLION-LA VISTA SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEBRASKA 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 **Bryson Bahl** of **Papillion-La Vista South High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Nebraska Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Bahl is the first Gatorade Nebraska Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Papillion-La Vista South 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 Bahl as Nebraska’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-5, 180-pound senior guard and forward led the Titans to a 26-3 record and the Class A state championship this past season. Bahl averaged 21.8 points, 8.5 rebounds, 1.9 steals, 1.4 assists and 1.1 blocks, including 21 points, five rebounds and three steals in Papio South’s 61-58 win over Omaha Westside High School in the state final. A 2024 Omaha World Herald First Team All-Nebraska selection, Bahl is Papio South’s career leader in points, rebounds, steals, field goals and 3-pointers. He is the brother of Jordy Bahl, the state’s 2020-21 Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year.

Bahl has volunteered locally with the Salvation Army, as a youth basketball coach and as part of community beautification projects. He has also donated his time to multiple community service initiatives through his church. “Bryson is the best overall player in the state,” said Steve Klein, head coach of Bellevue West High School. “He is so tough to guard and has the greatest impact on his team.”

Bahl has maintained a weighted 3.71 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at South Dakota 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 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.

Bahl joins recent Gatorade Nebraska Boys Basketball Players of the Year Jaden Jackson (2023-24, Bellevue West High School), Josiah Dotzler (2022-23, Bellevue West High School), Isaac Traudt (2021-22, Grand Island Senior High School) and Hunter Sallis (2020-21, Millard North 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.