

**SIoux FALLS CHRISTIAN SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE SOUTH DAKOTA 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 **Griffen Goodbary** of **Sioux Falls Christian School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade South Dakota Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Goodbary is the first Gatorade South Dakota Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Sioux Falls Christian 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 Goodbary as South Dakota'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.).

At the time of his selection, the 6-foot-11, 210-pound senior power forward had led the Chargers (21-3) to the Class A quarterfinals, scheduled for March 20. Goodbary averaged 18 points, 6.1 rebounds, 2.8 assists and 1.8 blocks through 24 games, shooting 65.3 percent from inside the arc. The state’s returning Gatorade Player of the Year and a 2024 All-State and All-Tournament team selection, he’s ranked as the state’s No. 1 recruit in the Class of 2025 by PrepHoops.

Goodbary has volunteered locally on behalf of The Banquet, helping to feed the less fortunate. He has also donated his time to Feeding America and has both coached and served as a game referee for youth basketball players. “Griffen is a young man of high moral character and has a servant’s heart when it comes to interactions with his teammates and others,” said Mike Schouten, head coach of Sioux Falls Christian School. “I believe he’s one of the best players in the state of South Dakota and the entire region. You can see his intelligence on the floor as well—he often sees things that I don’t see or sees them before I do. His basketball IQ is very high. He’s a great person both on and off the court.”

Goodbary has maintained a 4.0 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.

Two-time winner Goodbary joins recent Gatorade South Dakota Boys Basketball Players of the Year Isaac Bruns (2022-23, Dakota Valley High School), Kalen Garry (2021-22, De Smet High School) and Matthew Mors (2020-21, Yankton 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.