

**WASATCH ACADEMY STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE UTAH BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (March 20, 2025)— In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Isiah Harwell** of **Wasatch Academy** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Utah Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Harwell is the second Gatorade Utah Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Wasatch Academy.

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 Harwell as Utah'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-5, 206-pound senior guard had led the Tigers to a 25-4 record and a berth in April’s Chipotle Nationals. Harwell averaged 17.4 points, 5.3 rebounds, 3.1 assists and 1.1 steals through 29 games. A McDonald’s All-American Game selection, he was a First Team All-Nike EYBL Scholastic League honoree and a member of the Naismith Trophy Award Midseason Team—all just one year after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee. He’s ranked as the nation’s No. 8 recruit in the Class of 2025 by On3.com.

Harwell has volunteered locally with the Jr. NBA program and as a mentor for younger players in his AAU basketball program. “Isiah is a competitor at everything,” said Paul Peterson, head coach of Wasatch Academy. “It gives him an edge that others don’t have. Physically, he is a man amongst boys and isn’t afraid to use it. He impacted our team in every way.”

Harwell has maintained a 3.77 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play basketball at the University of Houston 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.

Harwell joins recent Gatorade Utah Boys Basketball Players of the Year Cooper Lewis (2023-24, Lehi High), Quentin Meza (2022-23, Cyprus High School), Collin Chandler (2021-22, Farmington High School) and Nolan Hickman (2020-21, Wasatch Academy), 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](http://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](https://x.com/Gatorade).