

## **LARAMIE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE WYOMING 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 **Neil Summers** of **Laramie High School** is the **2024-25 Gatorade Wyoming Boys Basketball Player of the Year**. Summers is the second Gatorade Wyoming Boys Basketball Player of the Year to be chosen from Laramie 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 Summers as Wyoming’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-8, 260-pound senior power forward had led the Plainsmen (19-9) to the Class 4A state title game. Summers averaged 16.7 points, 9.6 rebounds and 1.9 assists per game, shooting 64 percent from inside the arc. He battled a high ankle sprain to score 25 points and pull down 11 rebounds in the state final. As a junior, he led Laramie to the program’s first Regional championship in 55 years and first 20-win season in 81 years.

Having played a lead role with the University of Wyoming Lab School theatrical performance, Summers has volunteered locally on behalf of Vedauwoo National Park and the New Life Church. He has also donated his time as an assistant coach for a girls youth basketball team and as a youth referee in addition to participating in the Laramie Turf Wars, the Battle of the Books and the Walk for Water. “Neil is the epitome of a student-athlete,” said Laramie High School head coach Drew Evans. “Through his commitment on and off the court, Neil has shown excellence both in the gym and in the classroom. Neil’s individual production and resulting team achievements speak for themselves. His presence and skill commands respect and attention from opponents.”

Summers has maintained a 3.90 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 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.

Summers joins recent Gatorade Wyoming Boys Basketball Players of the Year Joe Sawyer (2023-24, Cheyenne Central High School), Parker Paxton (2022-23, Riverton High School), Deegan Williams (2021-22, Thunder Basin High School) and Sam Lecholot (2020-21, Sheridan 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](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).

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