

HEWITT-TRUSSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE ALABAMA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 5, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Corey Goguts of Hewitt-Trussville High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Alabama Softball Player of the Year.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their excellence in sport, academics and community. The award recognizes Goguts as Alabama's best high school softball player and she joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Cat Osterman (2000-01, Cypress, TX), Alicia Hollowell (2001-02, Fairfield, CA) and Hannah Wells (2024-25, Coahoma, TX).

The 5-foot-10 senior outfielder and first baseman led the Huskies (49-10-1) to the Class 7A state championship this past season. Goguts batted .618 with 91 RBI and 109 runs scored and posted an on-base percentage of .712. Ranked as the nation's No. 82 prospect in her class by Softball America, she also led the country with 29 home runs, according to MaxPreps and stole 32 bases.

Goguts has volunteered locally with a church clothing drive and by offering softball instruction to youth players. She has also donated her time operating game clocks and working the entrance gate at sporting events. "She is great in every aspect—leadership, defensively, offensively and baserunning," said Jonathan Rasberry, head coach at Spanish Fort High School. "Goguts has been starting and leading Hewitt for years."

Goguts has maintained a 3.53 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play softball at the University of Mississippi this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one state winner from each of the 50 states and Washington D.C., in 12 different sports: football, girls volleyball, boys and girls cross country, boys and girls basketball, baseball, softball, boys and girls soccer, and boys and girls track & field. In total, 610 high school athletes are honored each year. From the pool of state winners, one national winner is selected in each of the 12 sports. 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 winners in each sport.

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 \$6.4 million in grants to winners across more than 2,200 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.

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