

## **CHEVERUS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE MAINE SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 5, 2026) — In its 41<sup>st</sup> year celebrating the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Addison DeRoche of Cheverus High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Maine 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 DeRoche as Maine'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).

At the time of her selection, the 5-foot-9 junior right-handed pitcher had led the Stags to a 15-0 record and a berth in the Class A state tournament this spring. DeRoche went 12-0 in the circle with 181 strikeouts and only seven walks in 77 innings entering the postseason. She also batted .485 with four homers and 18 walks, compiling an OPS of 1.685 OPS in 33 at-bats. The state's two-time returning Gatorade Player of the Year, she's ranked as the nation's No. 4 recruit in her class by Prep Softball and was a 2025 MaxPreps Underclass Second Team All-American.

DeRoche has donated her time locally with the Mental Edge Softball Camp, where she is a board member and worked on a benefit for the National Alliance on Mental Illness. She also volunteered with the Special Olympics and as a softball instructor. "Addison is the obvious frontrunner in this conversation," said Kevin Tutt, head coach at Massabesic High School. "She's an incredible player, but, more importantly, a super human being who represents what the Gatorade award stands for. There's no one better."

DeRoche has maintained a 3.66 GPA in the classroom. She has made a verbal commitment to receive athletic aid to play softball at Florida State University beginning in the fall of 2027.

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](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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