

**RED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 5, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Jocelyn Berg of Red River High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade North Dakota 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 Berg as North Dakota’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 junior right-handed pitcher and first baseman led the Roughriders (13-11) to within one win of a berth in the Class A state tournament this past season. Berg batted .600 with 39 RBI and five home runs, posting a .662 on-base percentage and 1.073 slugging percentage. The state’s returning Gatorade Player of the Year, she also compiled a 7-2 record in the circle with a 1.48 ERA and 190 strikeouts in 99.1 innings, averaging 1.9 strikeouts per frame.

A member of the Red River High School chapter of the National Honor Society, Berg has volunteered locally as a peer tutor. She has also donated her time to multiple youth sports coaching roles. “She’s been dominant for many years,” said Luke Elgie, Legacy High School head coach. “She faces great competition day-in and day-out and still puts up great numbers.”

Berg has maintained a 4.31 weighted GPA in the classroom. She will begin her senior year of high school 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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