

**SOUTH ANCHORAGE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE ALASKA GIRLS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 18, 2026) — In its 41st year celebrating the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Addysen Gasser of South Anchorage High School is the 2025-26 Gatorade Alaska Girls Soccer 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 Gasser as Alaska’s best high school girls soccer player, and she joins an elite legacy that spans professional athletes and coaches to CEOs, such as Mallory Swanson (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colorado), Riley Jackson (2021-22, Blessed Trinity Catholic High School, Georgia) and Addison Halpern (2024-25, Rutgers Preparatory School, New Jersey).

The 5-foot-8 senior defender led the Wolverines to a 20-0 record and a second straight Division I state championship this past season. Gasser scored eight goals and passed for 10 assists while anchoring a defense that allowed just three goals and posted 17 shutouts, including in all three state tournament matches. A two-time First Team All-State selection, she is a four-time member of the U.S. Youth Soccer Olympic Development Program Region IV team.

A member of the South Anchorage High School student government, Gasser has volunteered locally with the SAHS Kid’s Camp. “As a defender, Addysen’s impact on the game extends well beyond statistics,” said Scott Hickox, head coach of South Anchorage High School. “She possesses exceptional technical ability, game intelligence, competitiveness and a work ethic that consistently sets the standard for those around her.”

Gasser has maintained a weighted 3.96 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play soccer at Regis University in Colorado 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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