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**WOODINVILLE HIGH SCHOOL STANDOUT NAMED
GATORADE® WASHINGTON SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 6, 2012) — In its 27th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, in collaboration with ESPNHS, today announced Madi Schreyer of Woodinville High School as its 2011-12 Gatorade Washington Softball Player of the Year. Schreyer is the first Gatorade Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Woodinville High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Schreyer as Washington's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award announced in June, Schreyer joins an elite alumni association of past state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alicia Hollowell (2000-01, Fairfield HS, Calif.), Derek Jeter (1991-92, Kalamazoo HS, Mich.), Candace Parker (2001-02, Naperville Central HS, Ill.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Mark Sanchez (2004-05, Mission Viejo HS, Calif.), Angela Tincher (2002-03, James River HS, Va.) and Kenzie Fowler (2006-07, Canyon del Oro HS, Ariz.).

The 5-foot-11 junior pitcher led the Falcons (26-0) to the Class 4A state championship this past season. Schreyer posted a 21-0 record with a 0.28 ERA and 189 strikeouts in 123 innings-pitched. A member of the Canadian Junior National Team, Schreyer allowed 28 hits and walked 33 batters, holding opponents to a .088 batting average. In the state final, she gave up three hits and struck out eight in a 6-0 win over defending champion Walla Walla High.

Schreyer has maintained a 3.91 GPA in the classroom. She has volunteered locally as an elementary school teaching assistant, a peer mentor/tutor and as a youth softball coach.

"Madi Schreyer is overpowering on the mound physically as well as mentally," said Jim Magnuson, head coach of rival Issaquah High. "There is no one that has a greater impact on the game."

Schreyer has made a verbal commitment to attend Stanford University on an athletic scholarship beginning in the fall of 2013.

The Gatorade Player of the Year program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states that sanction high school 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 ESPNHS and the Gatorade high school sports leadership team, which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Schreyer joins recent Gatorade Washington Softball Players of the Year Alyson Ambler (2010-11, Walla Walla High School), Hope Klicker (2009-10, Walla Walla), Amanda Fitzsimmons (2008-09, Auburn Riverside) and Sam Skillingstad, (2007-08, Shadle Park) among the state's list of former award winners.

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