

**BEND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE OREGON SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 18, 2021) — In its 36th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Addisen Fisher of Bend High School** as its **2020-21 Gatorade Oregon Softball Player of the Year**. Fisher is the first Gatorade Oregon Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Bend 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 Fisher as Oregon's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Fisher joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Cat Osterman (2000-01, Cy Spring High School, Texas), Kelsey Stewart (2009-10, Arkansas City High School, Kan.), Carley Hoover (2012-13, D.W. Daniel High School, S.C.), Jenna Lilley (2012-13, Hoover High School, Ohio), Morgan Zerkle (2012-13, Cabell Midland High School, W. Va.), and Rachel Garcia (2014-15, Highland High School, Calif.).

The 5-foot-11 freshman right-handed pitcher and outfielder led the Lava Bears to an 18-1 record this past season. Fisher compiled a 9-0 mark in the circle with a 0.25 earned run average. She allowed 16 hits and zero walks, fanning 127 hitters in 56.1 innings pitched on her way to tossing three no-hitters and two perfect games. Ranked as the nation's No. 21 recruit in the Class of 2024 by Extra Inning Softball, Fisher posted a .574 batting average with six home runs, 35 runs scored, 26 runs batted in and a 1.098 slugging percentage.

Fisher has volunteered locally as part of blood donation drives to benefit the American Red Cross, and she has donated her time as a youth softball coach and mentor. "Addisen is the real deal," said Tim Cary, head coach of Pendleton High. "She throws extremely hard, has great command of her pitches and she is clearly in charge when she steps in the circle. On top of that, she hits very well and she composes herself in a mature manner."

Fisher has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her sophomore year of high school this fall.

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 the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which works with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Fisher joins recent Gatorade Oregon Softball Players of the Year Taylor Ebbs (2019-20, McNary High School), Ariel Carlson (2018-19 & 2017-18, Marist Catholic High School), and Lauren Burke (2016-17, Marist Catholic High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Through Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Fisher has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of their choosing. Fisher is also eligible to submit a 30-second video explaining why the organization they chose is deserving of one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants, which will be announced throughout the year. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$2.7 million across 1,117 organizations.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit playeroftheyear.gatorade.com, on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.

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