

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

**CHICAGO** (June 9, 2022) — In its 37<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Brooke Gerry** of **Windham High School** is the **2021-22 Gatorade Maine Softball Player of the Year**. Gerry is the first Gatorade Maine Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Windham 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 Gerry as Maine'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, Gerry 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.).

At the time of her selection, the 5-foot-6 sophomore left-handed pitcher had led the Eagles (13-2) to the Class A state tournament. Gerry posted a 13-2 record with a 0.99 ERA in the regular season, striking out 175 batters in 85 innings pitched, while surrendering just 32 hits and 25 walks. She also batted .577 with 28 runs scored. The Southwestern Maine Activities Association Pitcher of the Year as a freshman, she was a Varsity Maine First Team All-State selection as well.

Gerry has served on her school's student council and has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics and youth sports clinics. "Brooke Gerry has had a better season than anyone," said James Coffey, head coach at Falmouth High School. "She's left-handed, throws hard and has pinpoint accuracy. She's also a tough hitter who is very difficult to get out."

Gerry has maintained an A average in the classroom. She will begin her junior 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Gerry joins recent Gatorade Maine Softball Players of the Year Anna Cornell (2020-21, Cape Elizabeth High School), Bella Dickinson (2019-20, Scarborough High School), Abby Orso (2018-19, York High School), and Grace McGouldrick (2017-18, Gorham High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Gatorade has a long-standing history of serving athlete communities and understands how sports instill valuable lifelong skills on and off the field. Through Gatorade's "Play it Forward" platform, Gerry has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national organization of their choosing that helps young athletes realize the benefits of playing sports. Gerry is also eligible to submit a short 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 \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 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](http://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY), Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade) and Twitter at [twitter.com/Gatorade](https://twitter.com/Gatorade).