

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

CHICAGO (June 9, 2022) — In its 37th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Addisen Fisher** of **Bend High School** is the **2021-22 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 state's returning Gatorade Player of the Year, the 5-foot-11 sophomore right-handed pitcher and outfielder compiled a 20-1 record with a 0.46 earned run average in the circle this past season, leading the Lava Bears (29-2) to the Class 6A state semifinals. Fisher fired six no-hitters, including two perfect games while striking out 259 batters with just 17 walks in 122.1 innings pitched. Ranked as the nation's No. 5 recruit in the Class of 2024 by Extra Inning Softball, she batted .510 with 13 home runs, 14 doubles, 50 runs scored, 32 RBI and a 1.160 slugging percentage.

Fisher has volunteered locally on behalf of blood-donation drives to benefit the American Red Cross, and she has donated her time as a youth softball coach and mentor. "Not only does Addisen pitch lights-out, she hits leadoff, runs the bases for herself [instead of exiting for a pinch-runner] and then goes in the dugout and cheers for her teammates," said Kelly Parsell, head coach of McNary High School. "Her composure on the field is elite."

Fisher has maintained an unweighted 4.09 GPA 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.

Two-time winner Fisher joins recent Gatorade Oregon Softball Players of the Year Taylor Ebbs (2019-20, McNary High School), and Ariel Carlson (2018-19 & 2017-18, Marist Catholic 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, Fisher 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. Fisher 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 or follow us on social media on Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY, Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade and Twitter at twitter.com/Gatorade.