

**RONCALLI HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE INDIANA SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 9, 2023) — In its 38th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Keagan Rothrock** of **Roncalli High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Indiana Softball Player of the Year**. Rothrock is the first Gatorade Indiana Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Roncalli 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 Rothrock as Indiana'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, Rothrock joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Jordyn Bahl (2020-21, Papillion-La Vista High School, Neb.), Megan Faraimo (2017-18, Cathedral Catholic High School, Calif.), Rachel Garcia (2014-15, Highland High School, Calif.) and Cat Osterman (2000-01, Cypress Spring High School, Texas).

Entering tomorrow's Class 4A state title game on June 10, the 5-foot-10 senior right-handed pitcher compiled a 25-1 record with a 0.53 earned run average in the circle through 35 games, leading the Royals to a 31-3-1 record. The returning Gatorade National Player of the Year, Rothrock had struck out 315 batters while allowing just 62 hits in 158 innings entering the state final. A two-time returning State Gatorade Player of the Year, Rothrock underwent Compartment Syndrome surgery on both of her legs in January. She batted .500 batting average with eight home runs, 46 RBI and a .864 slugging percentage this season through the semifinals.

Also a talented artist, Rothrock has served as an editor of her school's yearbook. She has volunteered locally on behalf of Servant's Heart of Indy, Riley Hospital for Children and Powerhouse Training softball camps. She has also regularly coached youth players privately in hitting and pitching and has donated earnings to her church. "Keagan has been dominant on the mound and at the plate," said Alyssa Coleman, head coach of Center Grove High School. "She faced adversity, returned for her team and has only improved through the season. And she may be stronger for it. Good players would have focused on themselves; great players return in spite of it all and show up for their teammates."

Rothrock has maintained a weighted 4.10 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a national letter of intent to play softball on scholarship at the University of Florida 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.

Three-time winner Rothrock joins recent Gatorade Indiana Softball Players of the Year Erin Coffel (2019-20 & 2018-19, Bremen High School), among the state's list of former award winners.

Being a Gatorade Player of the Year means paying it forward for the next generation. Through Gatorade's Play it Forward initiative, every Player of the Year receives a grant to give to one of Gatorade's social impact partners, supporting Gatorade's ambition to fuel the future of sport. To date, Gatorade Player of the Year winners' grants have totaled more than \$3.5 million across more than 1,300 organizations.

For nearly 40 years, Gatorade has honored high school athletes at the top of their game as teammates, supporting their communities and achieving academic success. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes and community leaders, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport.

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