

**FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE TENNESSEE SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

**CHICAGO** (June 9, 2023) — In its 38<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s best high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Elsa Morrison** of **Farragut High School** is the **2022-23 Gatorade Tennessee Softball Player of the Year**. Morrison is the first Gatorade Tennessee Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Farragut 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 Morrison as Tennessee’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, Morrison 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 Springs High School, Texas).

The 5-foot-11 sophomore catcher batted .617 with 23 home runs this past season, leading the Admirals (33-7) to the Class 4A state tournament. Morrison scored 52 runs and drove in 71 while also banging out 16 doubles. The District 4-AAAA Player of the Year, she walked 51 times and struck out only twice while posting a .757 on-base percentage and a 1.543 slugging percentage. A transfer from Carmel (Ind.) High, where she was co-MVP of the softball team as a freshman, Morrison allowed just four stolen bases, gunning down 7-of-11 would-be base stealers from behind the plate.

A member of her school’s chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Morrison has volunteered locally as a youth softball coach. “Elsa was a very tough out, and if she did get a chance to hit, it was usually a bomb,” said Jeff Sherman, head coach of Heritage High. “Behind the plate, she completely eliminated the ability to swipe bases. I would say she personally beat us twice—although we attempted to pitch around her.”

Morrison has maintained a weighted 4.04 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.

Morrison joins recent Gatorade Tennessee Softball Players of the Year Ashtyn Danley (2021-22, Huntland High School), Sydney Berzon (2020-21, Baylor School), Aubrey Barnhart (2019-20, Goodpasture Christian School), and Regan Weekly (2018-19, The King’s Academy), 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.

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).