

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

**CHICAGO** (June 7, 2024) — In its 39<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation’s most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced **Addison DeRoche** of **Cheverus High School** is the **2023-24 Gatorade Maine Softball Player of the Year**. DeRoche is the first Gatorade Maine Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Cheverus High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation’s top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes DeRoche as Maine’s best high school softball player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Amanda Freed (1997-98, Pacifica High School, Calif.), Cat Osterman (2000-01, Cypress Springs High School, Texas), Rachel Garcia (2014-15 & 2012-13, Highland High School, Calif.) and Ava Brown (2022-23 & 2021-22, Lake Creek High School, Texas).

At the time of her selection, the 5-foot-9 freshman right-handed pitcher and infielder had led the Stags to a 15-1 record and a berth in the Division I state tournament. DeRoche compiled an 8-1 record in the circle with a 0.12 ERA and three no-hitters through 16 games, surrendering just six hits in 57 innings while striking out 137 batters against just six walks. DeRoche also batted .553 with three home runs and 24 RBI, recording a 1.745 OPS. She ranks as the nation’s No. 7 prospect in the Class of 2027 according to Extra Innings Softball and was named one of the top 20 freshmen to watch across the country by Sports Illustrated/SB Live.

DeRoche has volunteered locally as a food drive volunteer to benefit the needy and with a softball camp associated with the National Alliance on Mental Illness. “She’s humble, mature and dedicated,” said Jason McLeod, head coach at Portland High School. “I don’t see much of anything that phases her when she plays. That includes any special schemes or tricks that teams or coaches might attempt when batting against her or pitching to her. She is not phased by any of it. Moreso, she is prepared for it.”

DeRoche 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

DeRoche joins recent Gatorade Maine Softball Players of the Year Brooke Gerry (2022-23 & 2021-22, Windham High School), Anna Cornell (2020-21, Cape Elizabeth High School) and Bella Dickinson (2019-20, Scarborough High School), among the state’s list of former award winners.

As part of Gatorade’s commitment to breaking down barriers in sport, every Player of the Year also receives a grant to donate to a social impact partner. To date, the Gatorade Player of the Year program has provided more than \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 organizations.

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 X(Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).