

MAIZE SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE KANSAS SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 9, 2025) — In its 40<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Sophie Stockam of Maize South High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Kansas Softball Player of the Year.

Gatorade Player of the Year is the top honor in high school sports, celebrating the nation's best high school athletes for their success on the field, in the classroom and in the community. The award distinguishes Stockam as Kansas' best high school softball player, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such as Cat Osterman (2000-01, Cypress Springs High School, Texas), Rachel Garcia (2014-15 & 2012-13, Highland High School, Calif.), Ava Brown (2022-23, Lake Creek High School, Texas) and Addisen Fisher (2023-24, Bend High School, Oregon).

The 5-foot-11 senior right-handed pitcher and third baseman led the Mavericks (30-1) to a third-place finish in the Class 5A state tournament this past season. Stockam threw six no-hitters on the year and finished with a 16-1 record, compiling a 0.59 earned run average and 259 strikeouts in 119.1 innings pitched, averaging 2.2 Ks per inning. She also batted .430 with 47 RBI and 11 home runs, striking out only once in 100 at-bats.

A member of the Maize South's National Honor Society chapter, Stockam has volunteered locally in the recovery area of the on-campus blood-donation drive and has worked at the school's book fairs. She has also donated her time writing cards to senior citizens and hospice patients, crafting blankets for children's hospital patients and making rope toys for dogs waiting for adoption at the Kansas Humane Society. "She was by far the best player we saw this year," said Brea Vidrine, head coach at Salina South High School. "As strong as their team was, they are [nearly] unbeatable with her on the mound. She was also dominant at the plate."

Stockam has maintained a 3.97 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play softball at the University of Nevada-Las Vegas this fall.

The [Gatorade Player of the Year](#) program annually recognizes one winner in the District of Columbia and each of the 50 states across 12 different high school sports – 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.

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 \$5.6 million in grants to winners across more than 2,000 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](https://playeroftheyear.gatorade.com) or follow us on social media on Instagram at [instagram.com/Gatorade](https://instagram.com/Gatorade), Facebook at [facebook.com/GatoradePOY](https://facebook.com/GatoradePOY) and X (Twitter) at [x.com/Gatorade](https://x.com/Gatorade).

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