

WEST LAS VEGAS HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE NEW MEXICO SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 9, 2025) — In its 40th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Malie 'Moogie' Satete of West Las Vegas High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade New Mexico 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 Satete as New Mexico's 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-7 freshman right-handed pitcher and catcher batted .701 with 23 home runs and 71 RBI this past season, leading the Dons (24-6) to the elimination bracket final of the Class 3A state tournament. Satete also scored 53 runs and stole 31 bases, compiling a .774 on-base percentage and a 2.487 OPS. In the circle, Satete finished with a 20-5 mark and a 1.30 earned run average, striking out 211 batters in 140 innings pitched. She set the state single-season record with 25 home runs as an eighth-grader and is ranked as the nation's No. 6 recruit in the Class of 2028 by Extra Inning Softball.

Satete has volunteered locally as a youth softball coach. "Malie is a game-changer athlete," said Oliver Torres, head coach of Santa Fe Indian High School. "It's rare to have a player who possesses all the tools needed to be elite at such an early stage. She is one of those players that you need to know where she is in the lineup or you will not be able to get around her."

Satete has maintained a 3.91 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 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 or follow us on social media on Instagram at instagram.com/Gatorade, Facebook at facebook.com/GatoradePOY and X (Twitter) at x.com/Gatorade.

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