RED RIVER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NORTH DAKOTA 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 Jocelyn Berg of Red River High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade North Dakota 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 Berg as North Dakota's best high school softball player, and she joins an impressive group of alumni that spans CEOs, coaches and star athletes such 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-10 sophomore right-handed pitcher and infielder led the Roughriders (17-8) to a win in the Class A state tournament consolation bracket this past season. Berg posted a record of 17-3 with a 1.19 ERA and 272 strikeouts in 140.2 innings pitched, posting a WHIP of 0.82. She also batted .488 with nine home runs and 46 RBI, slugging .885 with a 1.405 OPS.

Berg has volunteered locally as a softball coach for multiple youth teams. She has also donated her time to multiple school-sponsored activities and events. "She's one of the few that can play both ways pretty well," said Greta Tetrault, head coach at Grand Forks Central High School. "In the circle, she is able to throw at different levels, keeping batters on their toes. In the batter's box, she displays great power and makes solid contact."

Berg has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. She will begin her junior year of high school this fall.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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 <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u>, Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u> and X (Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.

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