

OXBOW HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE VERMONT 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 Anastase Bourgeois of Oxbow High School is the 2024-25 Gatorade Vermont 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 Bourgeois as Vermont'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).

At the time of her selection, the 5-foot-5 senior right-handed pitcher and outfielder had led the Olympians to a 12-0 record and a berth in the Division III state tournament. Bourgeois compiled a 9-0 record in the circle with a 0.137 ERA through 12 games, striking out 111 batters and walking just eight in 51 innings. At the plate, she entered the postseason batting .500 with two home runs, 20 RBI and 24 runs scored, posting a .560 on-base percentage, an .825 slugging percentage and a 1.385 OPS. She entered her senior season as a four-time state champion.

A National Honor Society member, Bourgeois has volunteered locally raising money for cancer research and as a youth softball instructor. "No one can touch her rise ball," said Thetford Academy head coach Michelle Morgan. "In my opinion, that's her best pitch. She rarely walks anyone. She has great command and a nice complement of pitches. She even notched her 600th career strikeout recently."

Bourgeois has maintained a 4.3 weighted GPA in the classroom. She has signed a written letter of athletic aid to play softball at West Virginia State University 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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