

MASCENIC REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (May 30, 2019) — In its 34th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced **Madison Labrie of Mascenic Regional High School** as its **2018-19 Gatorade New Hampshire Softball Player of the Year**. Labrie is the first Gatorade New Hampshire Softball Player of the Year to be chosen from Mascenic Regional High School.

The award, which recognizes not only outstanding athletic excellence, but also high standards of academic achievement and exemplary character demonstrated on and off the field, distinguishes Labrie as New Hampshire's best high school softball player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Softball Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Labrie joins an elite alumni association of past state softball award-winners, including Catherine Osterman (2000-01, Cy Spring High School, Texas), Kelsey Stewart (2009-10, Arkansas City High School, Kan.), Carley Hoover (2012-13 D.W. Daniel High School, S.C.), Jenna Lilley (2012-13, Hoover High School, Ohio), Morgan Zerkle (2012-13 Cabell Midland High School, W. Va.), and Rachel Garcia (2014-15, Highland High School, Calif.).

The 5-foot-3 senior and right-handed pitcher had led the Vikings to a 14-2 record at the time of her selection and batted .400 with 17 RBI. In the circle, she compiled a 0.30 ERA through 16 games and surrendered just 38 hits and 21 walks in 94.1 innings pitched while striking out 193 batters. A three-time First Team All-state selection, Labrie was also named the Division 3 Pitcher of the Year.

Labrie has volunteered locally on behalf of the Special Olympics, an animal shelter and youth softball programs. "Maddie Labrie is the real deal," said Freddy Rivera, head coach at Bishop Brady High. "She's got great movement on the ball and she uses every inch of her frame to whip the ball through the zone. She's the big reason for that team's success over the last four years."

Labrie has maintained a 3.73 GPA in the classroom. She has signed a National Letter of Intent to play softball on scholarship at Franklin Pierce University beginning 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. From the 12 national winners, one male and one female athlete are each named Gatorade High School Athlete of the Year. In all, 607 athletes are honored each year.

Labrie joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Softball Players of the Year Abby Rochette (2017-18, Concord High School), Andi Nelson (2016-17, Londonderry High School), Jaime Cleasby (2015-16, Windham High School), Kaycee Carbone (2014-15, Alvirne High School) and Erika Millett (2013-14, White Mountains Regional High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a part of Gatorade's cause marketing platform "Play it Forward," Labrie also has the opportunity to award a \$1,000 grant to a local or national youth sports organization of her choosing. She is also eligible to submit an essay to win one of twelve \$10,000 spotlight grants for the organization of choice, which will be announced throughout the year.

Since the program's inception in 1985, Gatorade Player of the Year award recipients have won hundreds of professional and college championships, and many have also turned into pillars in their communities, becoming coaches, business owners and educators.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit www.Gatorade.com/POY, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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