



**GABRIELLE DUFRESNE
NVHS BOOSTER CLUB FEATURED SPRING SEASON ATHLETE
GIRLS SOFTBALL PROGRAM**

Booster Club Reporter: When did you start playing your sport/how did you get introduced to it?

Gabrielle Dufresne: I started playing softball in 2nd grade. I played recreational ball for 2 years before moving into travel ball. Before softball I was a dancer, but in 1st grade I made a new friend who introduced me to different sports.

Booster Club Reporter: Do you play any other sports?

Gabrielle Dufresne: As of now softball is the only sport I play, however I used to play soccer and basketball. I played both soccer and basketball from 2nd grade up until freshman year. I then made the decision to focus solely on softball, as I wanted to play in college.

Booster Club Reporter: What has your sport taught you/what lessons have you pulled from it?

Gabrielle Dufresne: I have learned many lessons about communication, teamwork, hard work and sportsmanship, but two of the more important lessons for me have been about patience and overcoming adversity. In a game like softball, you fail more than you succeed. Being able to develop patience and overcoming these obstacles has made me a better person today.

Booster Club Reporter: What do you wish you knew when you were just starting?

Gabrielle Dufresne: I wish I knew how fast time flies. It feels like yesterday I was just starting to learn the game. It is crazy for me to think that the majority of my softball career is behind me and I now have just 4 more short years left.

Booster Club Reporter: What quote/inspiration do you resort to when things get really hard?

Gabrielle Dufresne: "The game doesn't know who is supposed to win"-Sue Enquist (Hall of Fame Softball Coach). My travel coach has always told us this, and personally I love this quote. "As a team, we shouldn't care who our opponent is. Whether they are first in the state or last, we always need to come out with the same enthusiasm, effort, and attitude in every single game. Take each game one at a time."

Booster Club Reporter: Share something about you that isn't well known.

Gabrielle Dufresne: I am very musical. I know how to play the piano, oboe, and recorder pretty well. I also taught myself how to play the ukulele, 3 songs on the guitar, the trumpet, the harmonica, and 1 song on the violin. I love to sing, though I am not great at it, and can pick up new instruments really fast.

Booster Club Reporter: Where do you go from here? College plans?

Gabrielle Dufresne: I will be attending Denison University in Granville, Ohio. I will be playing softball there, and am hoping to major in either psychology or biology with a concentration in neuroscience. I am also considering double majoring or minoring in Spanish. Go Big Red!

Booster Club Reporter: Do you have a role model?

Gabrielle Dufresne: My role model is my mom. She has supported me my whole life in all of the decisions I have made, and she is a great example for me. She works very hard at her job, and is the most honest person I know.