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**DUBLIN COFFMAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE OHIO BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 6, 2018) — In its 33<sup>rd</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company, today announced Luke Kiley of Dublin Coffman High School as its 2017-18 Gatorade Ohio Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Kiley is the first Gatorade Ohio Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Dublin Coffman 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 Kiley as Ohio's best high school boys soccer player. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Soccer Player of the Year award to be announced in June, Kiley joins an elite alumni association of past state soccer award-winners, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook HS, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel HS, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick HS, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-04, Blue Valley West HS, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire HS, Mass.), Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista HS, Colo.).

The 5-foot-9, 160-pound senior forward scored 24 goals and passed for 17 assists this past season, leading the Shamrocks (19-2-3) to the Division I state semifinals. The Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association's Mr. Soccer winner, Kiley is a two-time First Team All-State selection and scored a goal in the 2017 High School All-American Game. He concluded his prep soccer career with a school-record 84 goals to go with 40 assists.

A member of the school yearbook staff, Kiley has volunteered locally packing goodie bags for soldiers overseas and he has donated his time as a youth soccer and basketball coach. "Luke is a strong and well-skilled player who sees the field very well," said Jon Sprunger, head coach of Worthington Kilbourne High. "His best quality may be his work rate and consistency. He tends to be everywhere on the field and always involved in the play."

Kiley has maintained a weighted 4.12 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a national letter of intent to play soccer on scholarship at Georgetown 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. The selection process is administered by the Gatorade Player of the Year Selection Committee, which work with top sport-specific experts and a media advisory board of accomplished, veteran prep sports journalists to determine the state winners in each sport.

Kiley joins recent Gatorade Ohio Boys Soccer Players of the Year Stephen Milhoan (2016-17 & 2015-16, St. Ignatius High School), Chris Brennan (2014-15, Copley High School), Jack Clark (2013-14, Mason High School), Sam Bascom (2012-13, Madeira High School), Matt Foldes (2011-12, St. Ignatius High School), Wil Trapp (2010-11 & 2009-10, Lincoln High School), Matt Wiet (2008-09, Worthington Kilbourne High School), Nick Blevins (2007-08, Bloom Carroll High School), and Lamar Skeeter (2006-07, Fairmont High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

As a Gatorade Player of the Year, Kiley will be able to select a national or local youth sports organization to receive a grant as part of the Gatorade Play It Forward program. Every Gatorade Player of the Year state winner receives a \$1,000 grant to donate and will have the opportunity to enter for an additional \$10,000 spotlight grant by writing a brief essay explaining why their selected organization deserves additional support. 12 spotlight grants - one for each sport - will be announced throughout the year.

To keep up to date on the latest happenings, become a fan of Gatorade Player of the Year on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. For more on the Gatorade Player of the Year program, including nomination information, a complete list of past winners and the announcement of the Gatorade National Player of the Year, visit [www.gatorade.com/poy](http://www.gatorade.com/poy).

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