

**COLDWATER HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED  
GATORADE MICHIGAN BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 29, 2020) — In its 35<sup>th</sup> year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Dylan Targgart of Coldwater High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Michigan Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Targgart is the second Gatorade Michigan Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Coldwater 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 Targgart as Michigan's best high school boys track & field athlete. Now a finalist for the prestigious Gatorade National Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year award to be announced in July, Targgart joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Lolo Jones (1997-98, Roosevelt High School, Iowa), Allyson Felix (2002-03, Los Angeles Baptist High School, Calif.), Robert Griffin III (2006-07, Copperas Cove High School, Texas), Grant Fisher (2013-14 & 2014-15, Grand Blanc High School, Mich.) and Candace Hill (2014-15, Rockdale County High School, Ga.).

The 6-foot-3, 250-pound senior hurled the shot put 65 feet, six inches and launched the discus 175-5 to win both events at the Michigan Indoor Track Series championships this past winter. Both marks ranking as the nation's No. 1 performance among prep competitors during the 2020 indoor season. Targgart also won the shot put and the discus at the Division 2 outdoor state meet in 2019 and won gold in the shot put at the 2019 New Balance Nationals Outdoor with a career-best throw of 69-4.25, which ranked No. 3 nationally last spring among preps.

Targgart has volunteered locally on behalf of a food pantry, an elementary school reading initiative and the Branch County Coalition against Sexual Violence. "Dylan is the fiercest competitor and greatest athlete that I have ever coached," said Coldwater coach Jeff Schorfhaar. "His best performances were always in high-pressure meets with tough competition. His national championship in the shot put was won on his very last attempt—which is a testament to his mental toughness."

Targgart has maintained a 4.0 GPA in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at the University of South Carolina.

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.

Targgart joins recent Gatorade Michigan Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Nick Foster (2018-19, Pioneer High School), Nick Foster (2017-18, Pioneer High School), Cole Johnson (2016-17, Rockford High School), Connor Bandel (2015-16, Oxford High School), Grant Fisher (2014-15, Grand Blanc High School), and Grant Fisher (2013-14, Grand Blanc High School) among the state's list of former award winners.

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](http://www.Gatorade.com/POY), on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY](http://www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY) or follow us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/Gatorade](http://www.twitter.com/Gatorade).

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