CONCORD HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED GATORADE NEW HAMPSHIRE BOYS TRACK & FIELD PLAYER OF THE YEAR

CHICAGO (June 27, 2024) — In its 39th year of honoring the nation's most elite high school athletes, Gatorade today announced Nick Reynolds of Concord High School is the 2023-24 Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Player of the Year. Reynolds is the second Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Player of the Year to be chosen from Concord High School.

The award, which celebrates the nation's top high school athletes for excellence on the field, in the classroom and in the community, distinguishes Reynolds as New Hampshire's best high school boys track & field player. From CEOs and coaches to star athletes, Gatorade Player of the Year winners showcase the power of sport, touting an all-star group of alumni that includes Alan Webb (2000-01, South Lakes High School, Va.), Kerron Clement (2002-03, Laporte High School, Texas) and Grant Fisher (2014-15 & 2013-14, Grand Blanc High School, Mich.).

The 6-foot-5, 185-pound senior throws specialist set a state record in the javelin at the Division I Outdoor Championship this past season, leading the Crimson Tide to fifth place as a team. Reynolds' winning mark of 205 feet, 10 inches bested his closest competitor by nearly 40 feet and ranked No. 11 nationally among boys prep competitors this spring. He also won the javelin at the NHIAA Meet of Champions and the New England Outdoor Championships. He took fifth in the event at the USATF U20 Championships.

Reynolds has volunteered locally as a peer tutor, and he has donated his time to multiple community service initiatives in association with the Concord High National Honor Society. "Nick can do it all," said Noah Pion, head coach of Bedford High School. "He is a stellar athlete who is very good at not only javelin, but also the high jump and triple jump, and he can even be used for relays. He always has incredible performances at each meet, and I am impressed how he manages his time to participate in multiple field events."

Reynolds has maintained a 3.61 GPA in the classroom. He remains undecided upon a collegiate destination.

The <u>Gatorade Player of the Year</u> 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 leverages experts including coaches, scouts, media and others as sources to help evaluate and determine the state winners in each sport.

Reynolds joins recent Gatorade New Hampshire Boys Track & Field Players of the Year Byron Grevious (2022-23, Phillips Exeter Academy), Pierce Seigne (2021-22, Hanover High School), Jeremiah Swett (2020-21, Phillips Exeter Academy) and Conor Seleny (2019-20, Pinkerton Academy), among the state's list of former award winners.

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 \$4.9 million in grants to winners across more than 1,900 organizations.

To learn more about the Gatorade Player of the Year program, check out past winners or to nominate student-athletes, visit <u>playeroftheyear.gatorade.com</u> or follow us on social media on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/GatoradePOY</u>, Instagram at <u>instagram.com/Gatorade</u> and X(Twitter) at <u>x.com/Gatorade</u>.