

**QUAKER VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT-ATHLETE NAMED
GATORADE PENNSYLVANIA BOYS SOCCER PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

CHICAGO (June 8, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Dom Reiter of Quaker Valley High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Soccer Player of the Year. Reiter is the first Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Soccer Player of the Year to be chosen from Quaker Valley 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 Reiter as Pennsylvania'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, Reiter joins an elite alumni association of state award-winners in 12 sports, including Alexi Lalas (1987-88, Cranbrook High School, Mich.), Steve Cherundolo (1996-97, Mt. Carmel High School, Calif.), Abby Wambach (1997-98, Our Lady of Mercy School of Young Women, N.Y.), Heather O'Reilly (2001-02, 2002-03, East Brunswick High School, N.J.), Matt Besler (2004-05, Blue Valley West High School, Kans.), Jack Harrison (2013-14, Berkshire High School, Mass.) and Mallory Pugh (2014-15, Mountain Vista High School, Colo.).

The 6-foot, 162-pound senior forward led the Quakers to a 24-2 record and the Class 2A state championship this past season. Reiter recorded 55 goals and 24 assists, including one of each in Quaker Valley's 2-1 win over New Hope-Solebury in the state final. The Western Pennsylvania Interscholastic Athletic League Player of the Year for both the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and Tribune Review, he concluded his prep soccer career with 85 goals and 53 assists.

Reiter has volunteered with the Cameroon Football Development Program, organizing and packing soccer equipment to send to the African nation. He has donated his time locally at a home for severely disabled adults and as a youth soccer coach. "Reiter personified excellence and class," said Ed Ellsworth, head coach of Shady Side High School. "You needed to constantly focus on limiting his effectiveness [because] you could never fully neutralize him. He's relentless and lethal in front of goal."

Reiter maintained a 3.50 GPA in the classroom. Taking advantage of NCAA early signing rules, Reiter inked a financial aid agreement that paved the way for him to enroll at the University of Pittsburgh. He graduated from high school in December and recently completed his first semester at Pittsburgh.

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.

Reiter joins recent Gatorade Pennsylvania Boys Soccer Players of the Year Nathan Dragisich (2018-19, West Allegheny High School), Chris Donovan (2017-18, Conestoga High School), David Egbo (2016-17, The Kiski School), Evan Vare (2015-16, Central Bucks East High School), Robbie Mertz (2014-15, Upper St. Clair High School), and Colten Habecker (2013-14, The Hill 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, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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