

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

CHICAGO (June 29, 2020) — In its 35th year of honoring the nation's best high school athletes, The Gatorade Company today announced Sean Dixon-Bodie of Bloomfield High School as its 2019-20 Gatorade Connecticut Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year. Dixon-Bodie is the second Gatorade Connecticut Boys Track & Field Athlete of the Year to be chosen from Bloomfield 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 Dixon-Bodie as Connecticut'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, Dixon-Bodie 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-6, 200-pound senior broke the state record in the indoor triple jump at the prestigious Millrose Games this winter, soaring 52 feet, 1.75 inches, which ranked as the nation's No. 3 mark in history among prep competitors indoors and No. 1 in 2020. Dixon-Bodie also finished first in the long jump and the high jump at the Class S indoor state meet, and won the high jump at the State Open Meet. Outdoors in 2019, he won the high jump, long jump and triple jump at the Class S meet, recording a season-best of 50-5 in the triple jump, which ranked as the nation's No. 6 performance among prep competitors last spring.

A devoted member of his church's youth group, Dixon-Bodie has volunteered locally feeding the homeless and has served as a youth track coach. "Sean is a prime example that with hard work, determination and grit, anything is possible," said Bloomfield coach Garfield White.

Dixon-Bodie has maintained a B average in the classroom. He has signed a National Letter of Intent to compete in track and field on scholarship at Louisiana State University.

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.

Dixon-Bodie joins recent Gatorade Connecticut Boys Track & Field Athletes of the Year Justin Forde (2018-19, Brien McMahon High School), Justin Forde (2017-18, Brien McMahon High School), Tyler Gleen (2016-17, Trumbull High School), Eric van der Els (2015-16, Brien McMahon High School), Spencer Brown (2014-15, Wilton High School), and Tyler Latham (2013-14, Fitch 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, on Facebook at www.facebook.com/GatoradePOY or follow us on Twitter at www.twitter.com/Gatorade.

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