



## **2017 Southern Connecticut Conference Football All-Conference Bios**

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### **TIER 3 - OFFENSE**

#### **Luke Willett, Sheehan**

- A two-way starter on the line for the Titans, Luke was a key part of the team's berth to the Class M state playoffs. On defense, he posted 48 tackles, including 10 for losses. On offense, he played right guard and helped an offensive unit accumulated more than 4,000 offensive yards.
- Luke is also a member of the Titans' lacrosse team.
- Just a junior, he was one of the team's captains this fall, so look for even better things from Luke in 2018.

#### **Andrew McClure – Lyman Hall**

- A three-year starter on the offensive line, Andrew was one of the Trojans' team captains this season leading the squad to five victories – a four-win improvement from 2016.
- He also started at middle linebacker on defense.
- Andrew would like to continue his football career in college, and is interested in Endicott.

#### **Tanner Small, Guilford**

- A four-year varsity letterwinner, Tanner was the anchor of the Indians' offensive line from his right tackle position.
- He also was a standout on the defensive side of the ball, posting 42 tackles.
- Tanner is still considering his collegiate options with Springfield, Western New England and Plymouth State among his interests.

#### **Corey Franchi, East Haven**

- Corey was the anchor of the Yellowjackets' offensive line, and was a multi-year starter at the tackle position.
- His coaches hail his leadership and maturity as an example for younger players. He also volunteers his time with the town's youth football program.
- His future plans include attending SCSU, and most impressively, he wants to travel extensively and see the world.

#### **Wes Terzi, Sheehan**

- Wes was a standout for the Titans this fall, leading an offense that ranked among the league's best. He passed for 1,696 yards and 23 touchdowns.
- He also served as the team's punter – averaging 32.3 yards per punt, and he kicked 43 point-after kicks as well.
- Wes also plays lacrosse in the spring. Just a junior, look for bigger things from Wes in 2018.

#### **Terrence Bogan, Sheehan**

- In his first year as a starter, Terrence led the Titans in rushing with 1,049 yards and scored 14 touchdowns – both totals ranked him among the leaders in the SCC Tier 3 and Class M.
- Terrence also runs track, and more impressively, he sings and acts in school plays.
- Just a sophomore, look for Terrance to be a bigger threat in the next two years.

#### **Michael Plaskon, Jonathan Law**

- Just a junior, Michael totaled more than 2,000 all-purpose yards for the Lawmen this fall.
- He also scored 19 touchdowns, coming four different ways – rushing, receiving, kickoff and punt returns.
- Michael rushed for 1,274 yards and scored 12 rushing touchdowns on his way to Class M All-State accolades.
- He also runs outdoor track. He would like to continue his athletic career in college, so look for big things in 2018 from him.

#### **A.J. Moscato, Guilford**

- A repeat All-SCC honoree, AJ was once again a workhorse for the Indians from his tailback position. He averaged 5.2 yards a carry, rushing for 569 yards and eight touchdowns this fall.
- AJ served as captain this fall, and is also a two-year wrestling captain. Last winter, he was the SCC runner-up in the 170-pound weight class.
- He is considering continuing his football and wrestling career in college, and has a slew of options at this time.

#### **Evan Mansfield, Sheehan**

- An outstanding two-way starter for the Titans, who reached postseason play this fall. As a receiver, he caught 44 passes for 596 yards and eight touchdowns.
- As a free safety, he posted 72 tackles.
- He also plays basketball for the Titans.
- Evan plans to study psychology in college, with Roger Williams and Stonehill among his top choices.

#### **Danny Thomas, Branford**

- One of the Hornet's team captains, Danny was one of the top receivers in the SCC, making 42 receptions for 858 yards and five touchdowns this fall.
- He set a school record with 192 receiving yards against Sheehan.
- Danny also volunteers this time with Branford's Unified Sports teams.
- Several schools, including Southern Connecticut, Sacred Heart and Central Connecticut have expressed interest in Danny, and he is considering doing a post-graduate year as well.

### **Ethan Saley, Jonathan Law**

- Ethan is just a junior, and he posted some impressive numbers this fall as the Lawmen qualified for the Class M state playoffs.
- He was big-play threat, as he had 618 receiving yards and eight touchdowns, averaging 28 yards per reception.
- He is a top student and runs indoor and outdoor track. He has aspirations to play sports in college, so look for bigger things in the coming year from him.

### **Jordan Davis, Sheehan**

- SCC opponents thought they had enough of the Davis Family. A year after his brother broke league and state records, Jordan stepped up and totaled 1,295 all-purpose yards and 15 touchdowns this fall for the Titans, who reached the Class M state playoffs.
- Jordan also posted two interceptions from his cornerback position, and also returned kicks and punts.
- Just a sophomore, the future is bright for Jordan and the Titans.

## **TIER 3 DEFENSE**

### **Stephen Zenisky, Sheehan**

- Hailed by his coaches as one of the strongest players to ever come through the Sheehan football program, Stephen was outstanding on both sides of the football this fall. On defense, he posted 78 tackles, 11 for loses, and two quarterback sacks.
- Offensively, he was the anchor of the Titans' offensive line that paved holes for an offense that racked up 4,035 yards and 59 touchdowns during the fall.
- He has been well-accoladed for his efforts – making every All-Area and All-State team. He is also the first lineman to win SCC Player of the Year honors, as he is the Tier 3 2017 Player of the Year.
- Stephen is receiving heavy interest from a slew of Division II and III football schools for next fall.

### **Zach Kizer, Lyman Hall**

- A standout at defensive end, Zach led the Trojans with 73 tackles and nine quarterback sacks this fall. He was a two-way starter, also playing offensive guard.
- He also saw time as a fullback and scored two touchdowns.
- He earned a slew of postseason accolades, and he's just a junior so look for bigger things from him in 2018.

### **Justin Abe, Jonathan Law**

- A two-year captain, Justin is a two-time All-SCC honoree and had a banner season as the Lawmen reached the postseason for the first time in school history.
- From his defensive tackle position, he posted 65 tackles, 19 for losses, and recovered five fumbles, leading a defensive unit that allowed just 15 points a game in tier 3 play.
- UCONN, University of Rhode Island and Roger Williams are among his collegiate options.

### **Tayqwan Taylor, Bassick**

- Tayqwan was a bright spot for the Lions, and was a two-way starter on the line. He played offensive tackle and defensive tackle.
- From his defensive tackle spot, he totaled 40 tackles, including 15 for losses, and five quarterback sacks.
- He participates in Junior Navy ROTC.
- Southern Connecticut, Massachusetts Maritime and Plymouth State have all expressed interest in Tayqwan for the fall of 2018.

#### **Sheldon Gargano, Jonathan Law**

- Sheldon was a force at defensive end for the Lawmen this fall. He posted 64 total tackles and four quarterback sacks as the Lawmen won six games and reached postseason play.
- Sheldon is also a state qualified in the shot put for Law's indoor and outdoor track & field teams.
- Just a junior, look for even more success from Sheldon in 2018.

#### **Will Terzi, Sheehan**

- A two-way standout for the Titans, Will never came off the field. On defense, he posted 129 tackles from his inside linebacker spot, ranking among the state's leaders.
- He also was a standout on the offensive line, which was a catalyst for an offense that averaged 40 points game this fall.
- Will also plays lacrosse in the spring for the Titans.
- He hopes to play football in college with Hamilton, Colby, Springfield and Western New England among his interests.

#### **Randy McFarline, Lyman Hall**

- A two-way starter for the Trojans, Randy had a pretty good year as the team posted five wins this fall. On defense, he totaled 61 tackles from his middle linebacker position.
- On offense, he rushed for 943 yards, averaging almost 7 yards a carry.
- Randy's a fine track athlete, and is looking to run track and play football at the collegiate level. He is interested in Southern Connecticut, Springfield and Plymouth State.

#### **Nick Santello, Lyman Hall**

- A two-time All-SCC honoree, Nick totaled 967 yards of total offense for the Trojans.
- On defense, he totaled 37 tackles.
- He is currently undecided about his collegiate destination, but is interested in playing football.

#### **Jack Gabriel, Guilford**

- A standout from his outside linebacker position, Jack posted 77 tackles and one quarterback sack this fall leading an Indians defensive unit that allowed 12 points a game in tier 3 play.
- He also had one interception, which he returned for a touchdown.
- He also plays lacrosse for the Indians.
- Jack has collegiate aspirations, and Springfield and Western New England are among his considerations.

#### **Nick May – Creed/Career/WT**

- Nick is a two-time All-SCC honoree, and he was a consistent force at inside linebacker and tight end for the Howling Wolves.
- He posted 107 tackles, 10 for losses, caused one fumble, and made one interceptions.
- With 350 tackles, he is the team's all-time leader.
- He also competes in outdoor track and is active in school and community volunteer activities.
- Nick has interest from Western Connecticut, Framingham State, Southern Connecticut and Utica.

#### **Jackson Seward, Branford**

- A two-way standout, Jackson led the Hornets with 74 tackles, including 12.5 for losses. He added one forced fumble and one quarterback sack.
- On offense, he scored 10 touchdowns.
- He also participated in Best Buddies at Branford High.
- Just a junior, Jackson will be the team's solo captain, so look for big things from him in 2018.

#### **James Boyle, Jonathan Law**

- The Lawmen made their first-ever state playoff appearance, and Jimmy was a key part from his defensive back position. He posted 20 tackles and had two interceptions.
- He served as one of the team's captains this fall.
- Jimmy also plays lacrosse and is an honor roll student.
- UCONN, Penn State and the University of South Carolina are among his collegiate interests.

### **TIER 2 – OFFENSE**

#### **Ben Corniello, Daniel Hand**

- Ben was a two-way starter for the Class L state champions, playing tight end and defensive end.
- Ben recorded 40 tackles and 3.5 quarterback sacks this fall.
- Ben is a sophomore, look for exciting things from him in the future.

#### **Rickqueal Warren, Wilbur Cross**

- A standout on both sides of the line for the 7-3 Governors, Rickqueal served as captain this fall.
- On offense, he helped an offense gain more than 3,000 yards and on defense, he posted 56 tackles.
- Central Connecticut, Southern Connecticut, University of New Haven, and Endicott are some of the schools that have expressed interest in him.

#### **Luigi Luciani, Amity Regional**

- Luigi was a consistent two-way player for the Spartans this fall. He caught 18 passes for more than 300 yards and three touchdowns from his tight end spot..
- He also ranked second on the team with 64 total tackles from his linebacker position.
- Luigi is also a member of the Spartans' lacrosse team.
- He is interested in attending the University of Maine, Central Connecticut and Indiana University next fall.

#### **Terron Mallory, Hillhouse**

- A standout wide receiver, Terron had 37 catches for 727 yards, averaging 19.7 yards per reception this fall. He also caught 11 touchdown passes.
- On defense, he recorded 56 total tackles and made two interceptions.
- Terron is attracting interest from Central Connecticut, Sacred Heart and Southern Connecticut and prep school is also an option.

#### **Quintus Reid, Hillhouse**

- Quintus was an all-around offensive threat for the Academics this fall. He passed for 574 yards and seven touchdowns, while rushing for 186 yards and two more scores.
- He also caught 10 passes for 140 more yards and three touchdowns.
- Quintus also served as the team's punter, averaging 32.1 yards per punt.
- Southern Connecticut, Western Connecticut and Dean Junior College are among his collegiate options.

#### **Zac Cleary, Foran**

- A do-it-all player for the Lions, Zac had 45 receptions for 650 yards and four touchdowns this season from his receiver position.
- Zac also played linebacker and handled the team's punting and placekicker duties, and he converted 21 point-after-kicks and converted three field goals as well.
- Zac is also a member of the Lions' lacrosse team.
- He intends to major in computer engineering in college, and UCONN and University of New Hampshire are two of his considerations.

#### **Coleman Adams, Harding**

- Coleman was an all-around offensive threat for the Presidents this fall.
- He rushed for 729 yards and eight touchdowns, and added 633 receiving yards and six more scores.
- On defense, he totaled 41 tackles and one interception.
- Just a junior, he is already acquiring interest from FBS and FCS schools in the northeast.

#### **Jared Hubler, Foran**

- Jared is a repeat All-SCC honoree after making the team as a tight end last year. This year, he stepped in at quarterback and totaled 3,312 offensive yards and accounted for 29 touchdowns. His 1,710 rushing yards were among the best in Class M.
- Jared also plays hockey and is an All-State pole vaulter in the spring.
- Jared will play football in college, and is choosing between Trinity and Wesleyan.

#### **Neil Eley, Hillhouse**

- Just a junior, Neil led the Academics in rushing with 816 yards, averaging 6.5 yards per carry. He scored nine touchdowns, and totaled 1,291 all-purpose yards this fall.
- On defense, he totaled 43 tackles and had three interceptions.
- Look for big things on the field from him in 2018.

### **TIER 2 – DEFENSE**

### **Travis Jones, Wilbur Cross**

- A key reason why the Governors finished with a 7-3 final record was the play of Travis on the offensive and defensive lines.
- A three-year starter, Travis is a two-time All-SCC honoree, and earned multiple All-State recognition after posting 10 tackles for loss and seven quarterback sacks this fall.
- Travis recently signed a letter of intent to play at the University of Connecticut in the fall.

### **Jaavon Brown, Hillhouse**

- Jaavon is another two-time All-SCC honoree, and he registered 70 tackles and 7.5 quarterback sacks for the Academics this fall. He caused two fumbles and recovered two as well.
- Jaavon also started both ways, and made 37 career varsity starts.
- He is getting collegiate interest from Anna Maria, Southern Connecticut, and Western Connecticut.

### **Marque Sherman, Hamden**

- Marque was a dominant force at defensive tackle for the Green Dragons this fall. He posted 84 tackles, including 11 that resulted in losses, and had five quarterback sacks.
- He forced four opposing fumbles, and recovered three of them.
- Marque is just a junior and wants to continue his football career in college.

### **Prince Boyd, Hillhouse**

- Prince finishes his scholastic career as one of the top pass rushers in the SCC and state. A two-time All-SCC and All-State honoree, Prince did not disappoint this fall. He posted a state-leading 17.5 quarterback sacks and registered 101 total tackles.
- He caused three fumbles and recovered three as well. He also had one interception.
- Prince is getting collegiate interest from Wagner, Central Connecticut, Sacred Heart and Albany.

### **Brian Casagrande, Daniel Hand**

- A two-way standout for the Tigers, Brian got it done in 2017, posting 123 tackles, including 17 for losses, and two interceptions from his linebacker position.
- On offense, he scored 10 touchdowns, 8 rushing and two more receiving.
- He earned a litany of All-State recognition, and was named by USA Today as Connecticut's Defensive Player of the Year. He is also the SCC's Tier 2 Player of the Year as voted by the league's head coaches.
- Brian will attend and play football at Trinity in the fall.

### **Noah Washington, Wilbur Cross**

- A two-time All-SCC honoree, Noah had another big season for the 7-3 Governors. He posted 65 tackles and three interceptions from his outside linebacker spot. He added 6 quarterback sacks, one blocked punt and recovered two safeties.
- He also played tight end and had three touchdown receptions.
- He also plays basketball and runs track in the spring.
- Maine, Central Connecticut, Monmouth, Stonehill and Southern Connecticut have expressed interest in Noah.

### **Elijah Cherry, Wilbur Cross**

- One of key reasons why the Governors won seven games this season, Elijah was a workhorse from his linebacker spot. He recorded a team-best 94 tackles, including 11 for losses.
- He added four quarterback sacks and recovered three fumbles.
- Just a junior, look for big things from Elijah in 2018.

### **Matthew Cruz, Foran**

- A two-way starter for the Lions, Matt played every snap of every game this season. He averaged 8 tackles a game, and forced five fumbles. He also scored 5 touchdowns on offense.
- He also captains the Lions' basketball squad and is a member of the National Honor Society.
- He is interested in majoring in engineering and plans to attend UCONN, University of New Haven or Baylor University.

### **Ryan Sabo, Amity Regional**

- Ryan was a three-year starter at linebacker for the Spartans, and this fall he led the team with 73 total tackles, including four for losses. He added one interception, which he returned for a touchdown.
- Ryan was a two-year captain for the Spartans.
- He is currently choosing between Wagner, Western New England and University of New Haven for his collegiate destination.

### **Gabe Okeke, Hamden**

- A standout at linebacker for the Green Dragons, Gabe posted 90 tackles, including six for losses, on the season.
- He added two quarterback sacks and one interception, along with two fumble recoveries.
- Gabe is just a junior, so look for big things from him in 2018.

### **Tion Hampton, Harding**

- A three-year starter at outside linebacker, Tion had a solid year for the Presidents. He posted 73 tackles, eight for losses, and recorded three quarterback sacks and one interception.
- Tion also plays basketball for the Presidents.
- He will attend Franklin Christian Academy this fall.

### **Ryan Coady, Daniel Hand**

- One of the key parts of the Tigers' Class L champion defensive unit, Ryan posted 68 tackles, including 11 for losses, for his outside linebacker position.
- He added two sacks and recovered two fumbles both of which he returned for touchdowns. Ryan also returned a punt for a touchdown.
- He will attend college, and University of South Carolina, Clemson and Virginia Tech are among his collegiate options.

### **Ian Butler, Daniel Hand**

- Ian was a standout in the defensive secondary for the Tigers, leading the state with nine interceptions.

- He added 51 tackles and on offense, averaged 13.5 yards a reception and scored five touchdowns.
- Ian is just a junior, so look for continued success from him in 2018.

#### **Macken McDonald, Daniel Hand**

- A tough, two-way interior player for the state champion Tigers, Macken posted 40 tackles, including four for losses, and 5.5 quarterback sacks from his defensive tackle position.
- Macken also blocked one field goal and forced one fumble. He is just a junior, so look for bigger things from Macken in 2018.

#### **Kwane Taylor, Wilbur Cross**

- Kwane is a two-time All-SCC honoree and finished his scholastic career with school records in receptions with 154, and receiving yards with 1,967.
- This season, he had 46 receptions for 653 yards and seven touchdowns. On defense, he recorded three interceptions.
- He also is a standout on the Governors' basketball squad. Stonehill and Southern Connecticut have expressed interest in Kwane.

### **TIER 1 - OFFENSE**

#### **Eddie Radzion, Shelton**

- One of the top two-way linemen in the state of Connecticut, Eddie earned a slew of accolades for his play in 2017. On defense, he posted 18 tackles and recovered one fumble. He finished his scholastic career with 97 tackles.
- He also is a member of the Gaels' indoor and outdoor track & field teams and is the reigning SCC, Class LL and State Open champion in the shot put.
- Sacred Heart, Maine, Syracuse, URI, Central Connecticut and Southern Connecticut have all expressed interest.

#### **Mekhi Geter, West Haven**

- A two-year starter on the offensive line, Mekhi's blocking prowess paves the way for three 1,000 yard Blue Devil rushers the last two seasons, and as result, the team won 19 games and earned two state playoff appearances.
- He served as a team captain, and is an outstanding student.
- Merrimack, Westfield State, UNH and Trinity have all expressed interest

#### **Nick Nelson, Cheshire**

- Nick was a two-way starter for the Rams, and served as a team captain this fall.
- He posted an impressive 118 tackles on the season from his linebacker position.
- Nick is a member of the track & field team where he throws the shot put, and he volunteers for many activities in the Cheshire community.
- He interested in continuing his football career, and Merrimack, Pace and Springfield are among those interested.

### **Eric Millard, North Haven**

- A two-way standout on the line for the Indians, who reached the Class L playoffs.
- Eric's play on offensive line paved holes for the Indians' single-wing offense to rush for more than 3,000 yards this season.
- Eric is a three-sport athlete, and is the captain of the Indians' indoor and outdoor track teams. He is also a top student.
- He plans to attend Springfield College and major in business.

### **Henry Pearson, North Haven**

- Another two-way standout on the interior for the Indians, Henry was a key part of the team's return to the Class L state playoffs.
- On defense, Henry posted 26 tackles, including three quarterback sacks.
- Henry has plans to keep playing football and major in Renewable Energy systems engineering in college, and Massachusetts Maritime is an option for him.

### **Kyle MacGillis, Xavier**

- On the top receivers in the state, Kyle hauled in 45 receptions for 936 yards, averaging 21.2 yards per catch. He also had 10 touchdown receptions.
- As a free safety, he had three interceptions.
- Kyle is a two-sport captain – he is also the captain of the Falcons' basketball team and is a Honor Roll student.
- Sacred Heart, Trinity, Central Connecticut and Christopher Newport University are on his collegiate radar for the fall.

### **Michael Jeffrey, Cheshire**

- Michael is four-year starter and is a two-time All-SCC honoree, and this fall, he continued his fine play. He had 48 receptions for 670 yards and seven touchdowns.
- On defense, he made 79 tackles and two interceptions.
- He also plays lacrosse and is an outstanding student with a 4.3 grade point average.
- Michael will attend and play football at Amherst College in the fall.

### **Will Levis, Xavier**

- One of the top quarterbacks in the state, Will did not disappoint this fall, throwing for 2,793 yards and 27 touchdowns. His passing yardage total ranked fifth in the state.
- He also added six rushing touchdowns.
- Will served as one of the team's captains this fall. He is also an outstanding student and recently earned SCC Scholar Athlete recognition.
- Will has committed to attend and play football at Penn State University.

### **Christopher Elias, Notre Dame**

- A two-year starter, Chris had a 59.3 completion percentage rate and passed for 1,417 yards and 20 touchdowns this fall.

- He served as a team captain.
- He is a peer counselor, and also plays on the ND golf team.
- Chris would like to play football in college, but it currently undecided.

#### **Mark Montano, North Haven**

- The 2017 SCC Tier 1 co-player of the year, Mark did a little of everything for the Indians. He rushed for 1,375 yards and 16 touchdowns, passed for 494 yards and four touchdowns, and even caught a touchdown pass.
- On defense, he had 66 tackles and four interceptions.
- He also plays lacrosse in the spring. He is member of the National Honor Society and spends his free time volunteering for Special Olympics.
- He plans to study biology and dentistry at UCONN.

#### **Chris Chance, West Haven**

- Chris did a little of everything for the Blue Devils this fall, leading the team to their second consecutive Class LL state playoff berth.
- He rushed for 971 yards and 16 touchdowns and even threw one touchdown pass.
- As a kicker, he converted 21 extra-point kicks and also served as the team's long snapper on punts.
- Western New England, Anna Maria, and Southern Connecticut are among his collegiate options for the fall of 2018.

#### **Zach Conlan, West Haven**

- Zach was a two-way standout for the Blue Devils, who reached the Class LL semifinals.
- He rushed for 714 yards and nine touchdowns, and recorded 62 tackles, three interceptions and two fumble recoveries on defense from his secondary position.
- He also plays lacrosse.
- Zach is a junior, so look for bigger things from him in the coming year.

#### **Jack Carr, Shelton**

- Despite missing two games with an injury, Jack rushed for 789 yards and five touchdowns, averaging 6.1 yards per carry.
- He added 270 receiving yards and three more touchdowns.
- On defense, he posted 55 tackles and recovered two fumbles.
- Jack is an All-SCC lacrosse player, and is a member of the Spanish National Honor Society.
- Just a junior, look for big things from him in 2018.

#### **Nicholas Andrade, Shelton**

- Nick was a standout kicker and punter for the Gaels, who reached the state playoffs for the third consecutive season.
- He averaged 40.4 yards per punt, and converted 35-of-36 point-after kicks. He also made 6-of-9 field goals, including a long of 40 yards.
- Nick also runs track for the Gaels, and is active in his community, coaching youth sports.
- He is just a junior, so look for big things from him in the coming year.

## **TIER 1 – DEFENSE**

### **Frank Paine, Notre Dame**

- Frank was a two-way standout for the Green Knights, playing left tackle on offense and defensive end/nose guard and tackle.
- He was second on the team in tackles with 58 and had one quarterback sack.
- Frank served as captain of the team, but is a true leader. He serves as Senior Class President, and is a National Honor Society member. He is also active in many school-sponsored clubs such as Model UN.
- Trinity, Tufts, Amherst, Stonehill, Assumption, Colby and Bowdoin are among his collegiate interests.

### **Michael Casinelli, Shelton**

- The captain of the Gaels this fall, Michael was one of the league leaders in quarterback sacks with 8.5. He totaled 34 tackles from his defensive end position.
- He also played tight end, and had 10 receptions for 137 yards and one touchdown.
- He also runs track, and is a member of the National Honor Society. More impressive, is he is nearing completion to achieving Eagle Scout certification.
- Michael plans on attending Springfield College in the fall to play football and major in physical therapy.

### **Tommy Donohue, Fairfield Prep**

- In his first year as a starter, Tommy was a versatile lineman, playing end, tackle and nose guard this fall as the Jesuits qualified for the Class LL playoffs.
- Tommy recorded 55 tackles, including six for losses, and 4.5 quarterback sacks.
- He is active in community service, and is interested in attending and playing football at Gettysburg College or Catholic University in the fall.

### **Dan Covell, Cheshire**

- A two-way standout on the line for the Rams, Dan was called a “vocal and emotional” leader by coaching staff. He served as captain this fall.
- From his defensive tackle position, he posted 51 tackles, nine for losses, and three quarterback sacks.
- He also plays lacrosse, and does a lot of volunteer work in the Cheshire community.
- Dan will attend St. Lawrence to play football in the fall of 2018.

### **Jaryd Witkowski, Shelton**

- A two-way starter on the line for the Gaels, Jaryd was a key reason why the team returned to the state playoffs in 2017.
- From his defensive tackle position, Jaryd posted 10 tackles for loss, 7 quarterback sacks and forced one fumble. He also earned a “big guy” touchdown, returning a fumble 60 yards for a score in a game against West Haven.
- Jaryd is interested in Western New England and Southern Connecticut for his collegiate destination.

### **Ryan Cartelli, Xavier**

- One of the top linebackers in the SCC, Ryan posted 107 total tackles this fall, including eight tackles for loss. He forced four fumbles, recovered two, and had one quarterback sack.
- Ryan is a leader on and off the field – he served as a team captain this fall, and is the Student Body President.
- Ryan will remain a Falcon. He plans to attend Bentley College and play football there.

#### **Zach Orth, North Haven**

- Zach was a two-way standout for the Indians, who returned to the Class L state playoffs.
- At running back, he rushed for 891 yards and 17 touchdowns.
- On defense, he totaled 118 tackles and three quarterback sacks from his linebacker position.
- Zach is also an All-SCC lacrosse player, and would like to pursue that sport in college.

#### **Anthony Mastroni, Fairfield Prep**

- One of the team's captains, Anthony was a standout at linebacker and fullback for the Jesuits, who reached the Class LL playoffs this fall.
- He rushed for 260 yards and five touchdowns.
- On defense, he totaled 77 tackles, including six for losses, and two quarterback sacks. He recovered two fumbles, including one he returned 99 yards for a score against Notre Dame.
- Anthony also plays basketball, and does volunteer work in spare time. He will attend and play football at Brown University in the fall.

#### **Mike Charlton, West Haven**

- Mike was a tackling machine. He set the West Haven season record for tackles with 132, breaking his own record he set a year ago.
- He had games of 23, 19, and 18 tackles during the season that saw the Blue Devils win 9 games and reach the Class LL semifinals.
- Mike was a team captain and is a fine student in the classroom.
- University of New Haven and Southern Connecticut are among Mike's collegiate interests, as is a year of post-grad at a prep school.

#### **Ray Weiner, Shelton**

- Ray had a consistent year patrolling the middle of the Gaels' defense from his linebacker spot.
- He posted 59 tackles, 47 solo stops, and had three quarterback sacks. He had one interception and one fumble recovery as the Gaels returned to the postseason for the fourth straight season.
- Just a junior, Ray is an outstanding wrestler – he won the SCC and Class LL titles in the 195-point weight class. Look for ever better things from Ray in 2018.

#### **Justin Keith, Fairfield Prep**

- Justin was a two-way standout for the Jesuits this fall, rushing for seven touchdowns and 456 yards – all despite sitting out three games with a broken jaw.
- On defense, he totaled 45 tackles, 3 for losses, and caused and recovered one fumble.
- Justin also plays lacrosse, and is active with volunteer work.
- He would like to attend Boston College or the University of North Carolina in the fall.

**Kyle Godfrey, West Haven**

- A two-year All-SCC honoree, Kyle had a banner year as the Westies reached the postseason for the second straight season. He always seemed to make a “big” play for the Blue Devils.
- The SCC Tier 1 co-player of the year, Kyle rushed for 1,223 yards and 22 touchdowns, and added two kickoff returns for touchdowns.
- On defense, he made seven interceptions, ranking him among the state’s leaders.
- UCONN, UNH, Southern Connecticut and Western New England are among his collegiate interests at this time.

**Tairece Somers, Fairfield Prep**

- Tairece was pretty good in his first year as a varsity starter, making 30 tackles and one interception from his cornerback spot. In fact, he returned that interception for a touchdown in the team’s win over New London.
- He volunteers with the Fairfield Park & Rec department in his spare time, and Tairece will attend Sacred Heart University in the fall.

**Ethan Bronson, Cheshire**

- Ethan had an outstanding season at kicker and punter. He averaged 40 yards per punt and had 13 land inside opponents 20-yard lines.
- He converted 30-of-31 point-after kicks and kicked three field goals for a total of 42 points.
- He also plays lacrosse, and does a lot of volunteer work in the Cheshire community.
- Ethan is interested in continuing his football career and Maine, Sacred Heart, Endicott, and WPI are among his top choices.