

# **2016 SCC All-Conference Football Bios**

## **TIER 1 OFFENSE**

### **BYRON DICKENS                      West Haven, OL**

- A repeat All-SCC honoree, Byron was a two-year captain and three-year starter at left guard. He paved holes for a Blue Devil offensive unit that averaged 40 points a game this fall.
- Byron also started at nose guard and recorded 35 tackles.
- He was named to every All-State team - Walter Camp All-Connecticut First Team, New Haven Register and USA Today.
- He has committed to attend Central Connecticut to play football in the fall.

### **JUSTIN KEISH                      Notre Dame, OL**

- Justin was a standout on the offensive line, helping the Green Knights average more than 360 yards of total offense per game on their way to the Class L state semifinals.
- He was named to the New Haven Register All-State First Team and the Coaches Association Class L All-State team, and was an All-Levi Jackson honoree.
- He is also a top student – and member of the National and Spanish honor societies. He also serves as treasurer of the ND student government.
- Justin hopes to attend UCONN or Syracuse University in the fall.

### **BOBBY HAWKINS                      West Haven, OL**

- Bobby was a captain and two-way starter at left guard and linebacker. He paved holes for a Blue Devil offensive unit that averaged 40 points a game this fall.
- Byron also started at linebacker and recorded 100 tackles.
- He was named to New Haven Register All-Area First Team.
- Bobby is a top student and is ranked in the top 5 percent of his class; He is looking at several NESCAC schools for his collegiate plans.

### **PAT BOURDEAU                      Cheshire, OL**

- Pat was a standout on the offensive and defensive lines for the Rams. He played offensive tackle, and recorded 55 tackles, including 8 for losses, and 2.5 quarterback sacks from his defensive end position.
- Pat was named to the Meriden Record Journal All-Area team for his efforts.
- He is considering Southern Connecticut and Springfield for his collegiate choices.

### **ROBERT VALERI                      Shelton, Center**

- A three-year starter on the Gaels' offensive line, Robert was a dominant force in 2016. He allowed just one sack for an offense that averaged 39 points a game.

- He also blocked a punt in the Gaels' state quarterfinal rout of Newtown.
- Robert earned a plethora of awards – New Haven Register First Team All-Area and All-State, and Coaches Class LL All-State. He was a Walter Camp All-Connecticut Second Team selection.
- Robert would like to attend one of Connecticut's state schools, and become a history teacher and coach high school football – preferably at Shelton.

**MATT LISCIO**                      **Shelton, OL**

- Another standout offensive lineman for the Gaels, who reached the Class LL playoffs for the third straight year.
- Matt did not allow one sack all season, opening holes for a Gael offense that averaged 39 points a game.
- Matt is a member of the World Language National Honor Society, and also helps coach youth football in his community.
- Matt aspires to study biology/pre-med in college, but is still undecided about his collegiate destination.

**BOBBY HASKINS**                      **Fairfield Prep, TE**

- A two-way starter for the Jesuits, Bobby was a force at tight end. He caught 29 passes for 354 yards and two touchdowns, and was an explosive blocker for the Jesuit running game.
- On defense, he posted 29 tackles, five for losses, and three quarterback sacks from his defensive end position.
- Bobby is a member of the Prep basketball team, and a member of the National Honor Society.
- He is interested in attending and playing football at Princeton.

**JACK STEINMAN**                      **North Haven, TE**

- Jack was a versatile player for Indians, seeing time at tight end and quarterback. He was a key blocker for the Indians' offensive attack, and caught three passes. At QB, he threw for 1,104 yards and 10 touchdowns.
- He was an All-Levi Jackson honoree.
- Jack is a three-sport All-SCC honoree – having earned accolades on the basketball and tennis courts.
- Western New England, Hartwick and Union are among his collegiate options.

**NICO RAGAINI**                      **Notre Dame, WR/DB**

- Nico could go down as one of the top players in SCC football history. He is a three-time All-SCC honoree, and three-time All-State selection – New Haven Register, Coaches Association and Walter Camp All-Connecticut. He is a finalist for Walter Camp Player of the Year.

- This fall, he didn't disappoint, especially as every opponent had number 3 in their defensive plans – he still had 988 receiving yards, 1,591 all-purpose yards and 13 total touchdowns. He had two punt returns for scores. On defense, he posted 41 tackles and two interceptions.
- He is an All-State indoor track and lacrosse performer, too. That's why the New Haven Register named him their Male Athlete of the Year.
- He committed to Cornell for lacrosse, but post-graduate work at Avon Old Farms, Choate or Salisbury may be an option.

**MIKE MILLEA****CHESHIRE, WR**

- A key part of the Rams' six win season, Mike was one of the top receivers in the SCC, catching 59 passes for 729 yards and nine touchdowns – all of which set Cheshire single-season records.
- A member of the Coaches Class LL All-State team, Mike also earned Meriden Record Journal First Team accolades.
- Mike is getting collegiate interest from Sacred Heart, Marist and Wagner.

**ANTHONY SCHIAVO****Shelton, WR**

- Anthony was key part of the Gaels' offense, which averaged 39 points a game in 2016. Anthony had 44 receptions for 776 yards and scored 11 touchdowns.
- His best game – 7 catches for 181 yards and two touchdowns in a win against Xavier.
- Anthony is involved with Junior States of America, a civic and leadership program at Shelton.
- Anthony intends to major in criminal justice in college and is looking at University of New Haven, Central Connecticut and Southern Connecticut.

**ANTHONY GODFREY****West Haven, RB**

- One of the top running backs in the SCC and state, Anthony rushed for 1,712 yards and 27 touchdowns, averaging 11.6 yards a carry, this fall. He added five touchdowns receiving.
- On defense, he posted 43 tackles from his secondary position as the Blue Devils captured the Tier 1 regular-season title.
- He has been duly recognized – Walter Camp All-Connecticut Team, Coaches Association Elite All-State, and New Haven Register First Team All-State and All-Area recognition.
- Anthony is interested in a few state schools, including Central Connecticut, Southern Connecticut and Western Connecticut.

**GLENN CUNNINGHAM****Xavier, RB/LB**

- One of the top players in the SCC, Glenn had a big year for the Falcons. He rushed for 1,107 yards and 12 touchdowns, averaging 5.9 yards a carry. He added three more receiving touchdowns.

- On defense, he posted 46 tackles, 37 of them were solo stops, and nine were for losses. He had 4.5 quarterback sacks and broke up three opposing passes.
- He was a Coaches Association 1<sup>st</sup> Team All-State, Walter Camp All-Connecticut team First team honoree. He earned New Haven Register First Team All-Area and All- State honors.
- Glenn has committed to play football for the Rams of Fordham University in the fall.

**DAVID WELLS****Shelton, Quarterback**

- David did pretty well in his first full season as Shelton’s starting quarterback. He passed for 2,228 yards and 22 touchdowns, and rushed for 926 more and 17 scores.
- He also played defense, and totaled 42 tackles and one interception.
- David has earned several impressive honors – Walter Camp First Team All-Connecticut, New Haven Register First Team All-State and All-Area.
- David is a three-sport athlete – and plays basketball and baseball.
- He is considering several schools – Eastern Connecticut, Central Connecticut, Western New England and Southern Connecticut.

**BRETT BILCHECK****Daniel Hand, Kick Returner**

- Brett was an all-around threat for the Tigers this fall. He accounted for 1,071 all-purpose yards and eight touchdowns.
- This winter, he is serving as the Tigers’ starting point guard.
- He is still considering his post-high school options.

**JOE ZOPPI****Shelton, Placekicker**

- Joe totaled 85 kicking points this year – he converted 10 field goals and 55 point-after kicks. He also scored five touchdowns for the Gaels, who reached the postseason for the third straight year.
- With 20 career field goals, Joe is the state record holder.
- Joe also plays baseball for the Gaels.
- Joe has verbally committed to attend Central Connecticut and study criminal justice.

**TIER 1 DEFENSE****NATE MILLER****Fairfield Prep, OL/DT**

- A three-year starter, Nate was a standout in 2016, playing both ways. On offense, he played guard and fullback.
- On defense, he recorded 62 tackles, including six for losses, from his tackle position. In fact, his coach called him “the heart and soul of the defense.”
- Nate would like to continue his football career in college; and he is very interested in Endicott College.

**AYINDE JOHNSON****Fairfield Prep, OL/DE**

- A standout two-way starter for the Jesuits, Ayinde recorded 48 tackles from his defensive end position in 2016. He added seven tackles for loss, two quarterback sacks and made one interception.
- He served as captain this fall, and earned Walter Camp All-Connecticut Second Team honors and New Haven Register Honorable Mention All-State recognition.
- Ayinde is interested in continuing his football career in college and Assumption or Endicott are two of his considerations.

**GIOVANNI BLUE****Notre Dame, DL**

- Giovanni was a defensive standout for the Green Knights, who won eight games playing one of the toughest schedules in the history of high school football.
- On defense, he posted 52 tackles, one quarterback sacks and one fumble recovery as ND qualified for the Class L state playoffs for the third straight season.
- He is very involved in his school and community, and has plans to continue playing football in college and major in criminal justice.

**NIKO KVIETKUS****Xavier, OL/DL**

- Niko was the anchor of the Falcons' offensive and defensive lines. On offense, he recorded 24 pancake blocks, and opened holes for All-SCC running back Glenn Cunningham.
- On defense, he recorded 25 tackles, five for losses, and two quarterback sacks.
- He earned Coaches Class L All-State honors, and was named to the Walter Camp All-Connecticut Second Team.
- Towson, Sacred Heart, Central Connecticut and Stonehill are all interested in Niko.

**JUSTIN GREENE****Shelton, Linebacker**

- Justin was a standout at linebacker for the Gaels, who won 9 games and reached the Class LL semifinals.
- Justin posted 122 tackles and registered two quarterback sacks and caused two fumbles. He recorded one interception and also blocked one punt.
- He is also a top student and a member of the National Honor Society.
- Among the schools he is interested in, include University of Delaware, UCONN, Fairfield, URI and Central Connecticut.

**NICK LEONE****Daniel Hand, Linebacker**

- Nick was a captain and two-way starter for the Tigers this fall. He rushed for 420 yards – averaging 6.7 yards a carry, and scored four touchdowns.
- On defense, he posted 32 tackles and had four quarterback sacks.
- Nick also plays lacrosse for the Tigers.
- Nick will attend Middlebury College this fall, and play football for the Panthers.

**BRIAN WEYRAUCH**                      **Cheshire, Linebacker**

- Brian was a consistent performer for the Rams, who finished 6-4 this past fall. He posted 107 tackles, including 15 for losses, and 3.5 quarterback sacks. He also had one interception.
- He was honored as a Coaches Association Class LL All-Stater, and was named to the New Haven Register All-State Third Team. Brian was also a member of the Meriden Record Journal's All-Area team.
- Brian is also a talented All-SCC lacrosse player, and will attend Merrimack College on a lacrosse scholarship.

**TRISTAN ANDRZEJEWSKI**            **Notre Dame, LB**

- Tristan was a two-year starter at middle linebacker for the Green Knights, who reached the postseason for the third straight season.
- He posted 83 tackles, 10 for losses, 3.5 quarterback sacks and made one interception.
- Tristan was one of the team's captains this fall.
- He is pretty smart too, and is a member of the National, Spanish and Math honor societies. That's why he put 12 colleges on his bio sheet – among them, Amherst, Franklin & Marshall, Bates, Union, University of Rochester to name a few.

**FRANK LONGLEY**                      **Notre Dame, LB**

- Frank was a solid performer for the Green Knights, who navigated through a tough schedule to reach the Class L state semifinals for the third consecutive year.
- He posted 70 tackles and two interceptions from his linebacker spot, and also played fullback on offense. He finished his career with 147 tackles.
- Frank also plays baseball for the Green Knights, and was a key part of the 2016 state title-winning squad. He will captain the team this spring.
- He is looking to major in business in college with Quinnipiac, Franklin Pierce or Iona as his options.

**TOM DODGE**                              **NORTH HAVEN, DB**

- A repeat All-SCC honoree, Tommy was an all-around performer for the Indians in 2016, posting 30 tackles and two interceptions on defense; and totaling 1,204 offensive yards and seven touchdowns on offense.
- Tommy earned Coaches Class L All-State and New Have Register All-Area honors.
- Southern Connecticut, Central Connecticut and Springfield are among his collegiate options.

**KYLE GODFREY**                        **West Haven, DB**

- Just a junior, Kyle was a consistent performer in the Blue Devils' secondary this past fall and recorded 35 tackles.

- On offense, he contributed 738 rushing yards and 17 touchdowns, joining his brother Anthony in a dynamic offensive backfield.
- Kyle was named to the All-Levi Jackson Team and was First Team Walter Camp All-Connecticut Team member.
- Just a junior, look for bigger things from Kyle in 2017.

**MICHAEL JEFFREY                      Cheshire, DB**

- A versatile two-way starter for the Rams, Michael totaled 891 all-purpose yards in 2016. On offense, he had 37 receptions for 491 yards and three touchdowns. As a returner, he averaged 25 yards a kickoff return and 14.3 yards a punt return.
- On defense, he posted 73 tackles and led the team with four interceptions.
- He earned Meriden Record-Journal All-Area honors for his efforts.
- He also plays lacrosse for the Rams, and is a top student and member of the National Honor Society. That's why Brown, Yale and Princeton are among his collegiate options.

**JORDAN GARGIULO                      Notre Dame, WR/DB**

- A two-way starter for the Green Knights, Jordan also saw time as a punt returner this fall.
- On defense, he posted 80 tackles and two interceptions, and caused two fumbles. On offense, he had one touchdown reception and averaged 16.4 yards a punt return.
- He also plays lacrosse in the spring, and is spends time coaching youth football.
- Western New England has expressed interest in Jordan, and University of New Haven and Southern Connecticut are among his collegiate options.

**TIM McCARTHY                      West Haven, Utility**

- Tim did a little of everything for the Tier 1 champion Blue Devils this fall. Tim did a little of everything for the Tier 1 Champion Blue Devils this fall. He was the extra point holder and played safety and linebacker on defense.
- As the team's starting quarterback for the last three years, he passed for 1,104 yards and 14 touchdowns in 2016, and 3,525 yards for his career. He holds the school record for many passing categories including Career Attempts, Completions, Yards Gained and Touchdown Passes.
- He was named to the All Levi Jackson Team.
- Tim also is a 3-year starter on the Blue Devils baseball team and will captain the team this spring.
- Among the schools he is interested in playing Division 3 football include, Salve Regina, Western Connecticut, Curry and Mount Ida.

**BRUNO PERLICKI                      Fairfield Prep, Punter**

- Bruno finished the 2016 season as the second-ranked punter in the state, averaging 39.0 yards per punt. He had a long punt of 63 yards, and had seven punts that landed inside opponenets' 20-yard line.

- Just a junior, he has already been a two-year starter. He earned Coaches Class LL All-State honors, and New Haven Register First Team All-State and All-Area honors.
- Look for even better things from Bruno in 2017.

## **TIER 2/3 OFFENSE**

### **MOISE CISSE**

#### **Hillhouse, OL/LB**

- Moise was one of many two-way standouts for the Academics, who captured the SCC Tier 2 and Class M state title in 2016.
- He was a big part of an offensive line that paved holes for an offense that averaged 39.3 points a contest. He had 25 pancake blocks.
- On defense, he recorded 36 tackles and one fumble recovery from his linebacker spot.
- Southern Connecticut, University of New Haven, UCONN, Pace and Becker are among his collegiate options.

### **BILLY OLIVER**

#### **Hillhouse, OL**

- Billy is a repeat All-SCC honoree. He was a measure of durability and he was the anchor of the Academics' offensive line that paved holes for a rushing attack that gained 4,445 yards this season.
- Billy had 33 pancake blocks as the Academics captured the SCC Tier 2 and Class M state titles. For his efforts, he was a Coaches Class M All-State pick and New Haven Register First Team All-Area honoree.
- He is a pretty good student, too, and was recently recognized as a SCC Fall Scholar Athlete.
- University of New Haven, Assumption, LIU-Post and Southern Connecticut are among his collegiate options.

### **ANGELO SIMONELLI**

#### **Foran, OL**

- The high-scoring Lions couldn't have done it without Angelo. Why? Well, he played center and snapped the ball as he played every single offense snap this fall.
- He recorded 18 pancake blocks, and was a key part of an offense that averaged more than 31 points and 420 yards per game.
- Angelo also plays baseball for the Lions, and has plans to play the sport in college at Albertus Magnus.

### **JON OLSCHEFSKI**

#### **Sheehan, OL**

- A senior captain, Jon was the team's center and paved the way for the Titans' state-best 4,009 rushing yards.
- On defense, he played tackle.

- Jon excels in the classroom, and would like to pursue nursing as a major in college. He also is getting interest for football. UMass Dartmouth, Western Connecticut, Western New England and Plymouth State are among some of the suitors.

**TRAVIS JONES**                      **Wilbur Cross, OL/DL**

- Travis was the anchor of the Governors' offensive and defensive lines this fall. He has been a two-way starter on both sides of the ball.
- On defense, he recorded 45 tackles, six for losses, and 4.5 quarterback sacks.
- He also is a member of the Wilbur Cross indoor and outdoor track teams.
- Travis earned New Haven Register Second Team All-State honors, and was a Walter Camp All-Connecticut Second Team pick.
- Numerous Division I schools have interest in Travis.

**JAAVON BROWN**                      **Hillhouse, OL/DL**

- Jaavon was a two-way starter for the Academics, who dominated the line of scrimmage on their way to the Class M state title.
- On defense, Jaavon posted 81 tackles, including eight for losses and 4.5 quarterback sacks. On offense, he recorded 31 pancake blocks which helped the Academics' offense posted 4,455 rushing yards in 2016.
- He's just a junior, and look for bigger things from him in 2017.

**DERRICK SIMS**                      **Hillhouse, TE/DL**

- One of the team's tri-captains, Derrick was a big part of the Academics 12-1 season with dominant play at tight end and defensive end. On defense, he posted 78 tackles, including 10.5 quarterback sacks. He caused and recovered two fumbles and made two interceptions, one of which he returned to the "House" for a touchdown.
- Derrick was a Coaches Class M All-State selection, and a Walter Camp All-Connecticut Second Team honoree. He was a New Haven Register First Team All-Area pick.
- Pace, Assumption, and Southern Connecticut are among his collegiate interests.

**JARED HUBLER**                      **Foran, TE/LB**

- Jared joins his brother Zach, who was a two-time All-SCC honoree back in 2012 and 2013. Jared was a standout at tight end this past fall.
- He had 42 receptions for 667 yards – averaging 15.9 yards per catch. He also caught five touchdown passes from All-SCC signal-caller Lance DiNatale.
- Jared is also an All-SCC pole vaulter.
- He's just a junior, so look for bigger things from Jared next year.

**CHASE KINZLY**                      **Hillhouse, WR/DB**

- Just a junior, Chase was a two-way standout for the Academics in 2016, scoring 12 total touchdowns. He caught 31 passes for 713 yards and nine scores, and as a kick returner

he had two kickoff returns for scores, including a 92-yarder in the state title win over St. Joseph.

- On defense, he posted 32 tackles and three interceptions from his secondary position.
- He was a New Haven Register Second Team All-Area selection.
- He's also a top student, so look for even better things from Chase in 2017, and schools like Georgetown and Princeton are already interested.

**BRETT HUBER**                      **Foran, Wide Receiver**

- Brett had another outstanding for the Lions, pulling in 107 receptions for 1,152 yards and 20 touchdowns. He is a two-time All-SCC honoree, and also a two-time Coaches Class M All-State. He was also a First Team New Haven Register All-Area selection.
- He finished his high school career with 209 receptions and 11 interceptions, three of which he returned for touchdowns.
- Brett is a three-sport captain – he plays basketball and baseball for the Lions.
- He will attend college and play either football or baseball.

**KWANE TAYLOR**                      **Wilbur Cross, WR/DB**

- Kwane is a repeat All-SCC honoree. One of the top receivers in the conference, he hauled in 48 receptions for 702 yards and six touchdowns. On defense, he posted 26 tackles from his secondary position.
- Kwane is a talented basketball player, too. and is a three-year starter for the Governors.
- According to his coach, Kwane is getting colleges at all levels inquiring about him for both sports.

**ZACH DAVIS**                      **Sheehan, Running Back**

- 3,588 rushing yards – SCC record, 3<sup>rd</sup> nationally, 4<sup>th</sup> time in state of Connecticut.
- 52 touchdowns – SCC record, 3<sup>rd</sup> all-time in Connecticut.
- 332 point scored – led state and nation. BTW – he single-handedly outscored 109 of the 143 football-playing schools in the state.
- He had 3,802 all-purpose yards.
- Zach set the record for rushing yards in a game, twice... 543 versus Lyman Hall, and 541 vs. Jonathan Law. And he scored a state record 10 touchdowns in that game versus Law.
- He was unanimous All-Area and All-State pick... he was the SCC Tier 3 and Coaches Association Player of the Year... MaxPreps named him to their All-America team. And, he got into Sports Illustrated's Faces in the Crowd.
- He committed to Fordham University to play for the Rams in the Patriot League.

**MATT BREHON**                      **Hillhouse, RB**

- Matt was a two-way force for the Academics, and earned him SCC Tier 2 Player of the Year honors.

- He ranked 5<sup>th</sup> in the state in rushing with 2,017 yards – averaging 12.5 yards per carry, and scored 21 touchdowns. He added three more touchdowns and finished with 2,354 all-purpose yards.
- On defense, he posted 81 tackles, 14 for losses, and had 7.5 quarterback sacks.
- For his efforts, he was a Coaches Association Overall All-State, New Haven Register First Team All-State and All-Area and Walter Camp All-Connecticut Second Team.
- Matt is still contemplating his future plans.

**SHAWN OGARRO****Hillhouse, RB/LB**

- Shawn was a key part of the Academics' offensive juggernaut that totaled 5,724 yards of total offense in 2016. Shawn did his part, rushing for 714 yards and eight touchdowns – averaging 8.5 yards a carry.
- On defense, he totaled 92 tackles, 39 were solo stops, and 3.5 quarterback sacks. He recovered two fumbles and picked off one opponent pass.
- For his career, he scored 28 touchdowns, and he has been a community leader – mentoring younger students in the City of New Haven.
- Shawn is interested in Central Connecticut, Southern Connecticut and University of Georgia for college in the fall.

**COLIN BEAULIEU****AMITY REGIONAL, Senior**

- Colin is a two-time All-SCC honoree, and this fall he was voted as the team's Most Valuable Player for the second straight time.
- He rushed for 1,256 yards and 13 touchdowns. He added another 500 return yards and three more touchdowns.
- He was an All-Levi Jackson Team honoree, and is a three-sport athlete – he plays basketball and baseball for the Spartans.
- He will study business in college and play football with Princeton, Bentley and Trinity among his final choices.

**AJ MOSCATO****GUILFORD, Junior**

- AJ was a two-way starter for the Indians in 2016, and led the team in rushing yards with 589, averaging 6.4 yards a carry. He scored three touchdowns.
- AJ also posted 47 tackles from his linebacker spot.
- He is a standout wrestler, and last winter, earned Second Team All-SCC honors.
- Just a junior, look for big things from AJ next fall.

**McCLAY MARSHALL****East Haven, Running Back**

- One of the team's captains, McClay was a workhorse for the Yellowjackets this season, recording 1,301 rushing yards and nine touchdowns. He averaged 7.6 yards a carry. He also caught a touchdown, and threw a touchdown pass this season.
- In addition, he averaged 24 yards per return on special teams.

- McClay is a sprinter for the track team, and has been on relay teams that have qualified for New England's.
- Schools that have expressed interested in McClay are Stony Brook, Western Connecticut, University of New Haven and Southern Connecticut.

**LANCE DiNATALE                      Foran, Quarterback**

- Lance is a repeat All-SCC honoree, and he had another big year for the high-scoring Lions, who finished 7-3.
- He passed for 2,640 yards and 20 touchdowns – connecting on 13 to the fellow All-SCC honorees Jared Hubler and Brett Huber. Lance also rushed for 483 yards and seven more touchdowns.
- He was a Coaches Class M All-State honoree for his efforts.
- Lance also plays lacrosse for the Lions in the spring.
- He will attend college, but is currently still evaluating his options.

**MITCHELL SMITH                      Jonathan Law, QB**

- One of the team's captains, Mitchell was a dual-threat for the Lawmen, totaled more than 2520 yards from scrimmage this fall.
- He passed for 2,1024 yards and threw 22 scoring passes, and added five more 2-point conversions. He had five 200-yard passing efforts, and threw at least one touchdown pass in all 10 games.
- Mitchell is also a three-year starter on the Law baseball team.
- Salisbury, Coastal Carolina, University of Delaware and Christopher Newport are among his collegiate interests.

## **TIER 2/3 DEFENSE**

**PRINCE BOYD                      Hillhouse, DL**

- The anchor of the Academics' defensive line, Prince was a dominant force which propelled Hillhouse to the state playoffs and the Class M state title.
- Prince registered 118 tackles (51 solo), including 15 quarterback sacks. He caused six fumbles and had two recoveries. He also picked off two opponent passes.
- A Coaches Association Class M All-State pick, Prince has also been honored by the New Haven Register as a Second Team All-State and First Team All-Area selection.
- He's just a junior, and is already getting some collegiate interest.

**BILGIHAN ELEVLI                      Sheehan, Defensive End**

- A two-year starter, Billy was a standout on both sides of the ball for Tier 3 champion Titans.



- Corey was a two-year starter on the Yellowjackets' defensive line and was a dominant force this past fall with 58 tackles, 35 were solo stops, and three quarterback sacks.
- Corey's play on defense was a key reason the Yellowjackets finished 4-2 in the Tier 3 play, and allowed just 15 points in those contests.
- Corey is attracting some collegiate interest from Western Connecticut and Western New England.

**DANNY JAMES****Sheehan, Linebacker**

- A repeat All-SCC honoree, Danny served as captain and started at inside linebacker for the third straight season.
- He recorded 116 tackles, and a school record 58 solo stops, including 8 for losses and 2.5 quarterback sacks. He forced two fumbles and had one interception.
- On offense, he was the lead blocker for an offense that led the state with 4,009 rushing yards.
- He was a Coaches Class M All-State pick, and he also plays lacrosse in the spring.
- He is getting recruited by several schools, including New Haven, Assumption, Southern Connecticut, Springfield and Endicott.

**JAKE MOLA****Jonathan Law, LB**

- Jake had a monster year patrolling the middle of the Lawmen defense. He totaled 105 tackles, including 10 quarterback sacks, and recovered three fumbles. He forced two fumbles as well.
- For his efforts, he was named Law's Defensive Most Valuable Player.
- Jake will captain the Law golf team this spring.
- University of New England, Maine Maritime, Hartwick and Colby are among his collegiate choices.

**NOAH LORDAN****BRANFORD, Senior**

- Noah was a two-way standout for the Hornets, recording 72 tackles this season on defense – 37 of which were solo stops. He added six tackles for loss.
- Called the "undisputed leader of the team" by his coach, he contributed 514 offensive yards and two touchdowns.
- Noah is undecided about his future plans.

**RYAN BEDINI****AMITY REGIONAL, Senior**

- Ryan was a standout at linebacker for the Spartans. He had 45 solo tackles on the season, and added three quarterback sacks and two interceptions. He was one of the team's captains this fall.
- He culminated his scholastic career by being named MVP of the Thanksgiving Day game, and is the recipient of the Michael J Gaynor Award – which is given to the Amity player who demonstrates a "dedicated and tenacious approach to the sport of football."

- Following graduation, he is going to work with a family friend and has plans to attend firefighter academy too.

**NIAM COWARD**                      **East Haven, Linebacker**

- Niam is a repeat All-SCC honoree and he didn't disappoint in the fall. He ranked among the state's leaders with 143 tackles and also posted nine quarterback sacks.
- One of the team's captains, Niam was a key reason the Easties have won 11 games in last two seasons, including a 4-2 in Tier 3 play this fall.
- Niam is also captain of the Yellowjackets' indoor and outdoor track teams, and last spring, he won the state decathlon.
- Niam would like major in nursing in college and he is attracting interest from several FCS and FBS football schools, including Central Connecticut, Fordham and Temple.

**NICK MAY**                              **Creed/Career/WT, Linebacker**

- Just a junior, Nick was among the state's leaders with 137 total tackles, including 83 solo stops. He added six quarterback sacks and 12 tackles for loss for the Howling Wolves.
- His best game came against Guilford, when he posted 15 solo tackles.
- Nick also served as the starting right guard, and was the team's long snapper on punts.
- Nick has plans to major in the criminal justice, but he still has one more year so look for even bigger things from him on the field and in the classroom in 2017.

**KENNETH ANDERSEN**                      **Creed/Career/WT, Linebacker**

- In only his second year of scholastic football, Kenneth teamed up with teammate Nick May to give the Howling Wolves a potent linebacker corp. He totaled 99 tackles on the season, 57 of them solo stops. He had seven tackles for loss, three quarterback sacks and one interception. He even scored a rushing touchdown.
- Kenneth, who attends Career, is president of the National Business Honor Society, and a member of National Honor Society. He also is a member of the Career outdoor track & field team.
- More impressively, he aspires to be a computer engineer and has applied to MIT, Yale, and WPI.

**NICK SANTELLO**

**LYMAN HALL, Junior**

- Just a junior, Nick was a captain this past fall. He a two-way starter for the Trojans and didn't disappoint. He played quarterback and accounted for a team-leading 12 touchdowns on the season, including three in the annual Carini Bowl on Thanksgiving morning.
- On defense, he led the Trojans in tackles and forced fumbles.

- He is a three-sport athlete – plays basketball in the winter, and will be the baseball team’s starting shortstop this spring.
- Look for big things from Nick in the coming year.

**JAYVON FREEMAN****Wilbur Cross, Safety**

- Jayvon has been a two-year starter on defense for the Governors, and had a solid year this fall. He posted 70 tackles, five for losses, and one quarterback. For his career, he ranks 13<sup>th</sup> among all players in tackles – and he has one more year left.
- Jayvon is a three-sport athlete, and is a member of the Governors’ indoor and outdoor track teams.
- He is also an outstanding student in the Wilbur Cross Advanced Placement program.
- Look for even better things from Jayvon on the gridiron and in the classroom in 2017.

**STEVE LYNCH****Foran, Defensive Back**

- A standout on defense for the 7-3 Lions, Steve recoded eight quarterback sacks, forced four fumbles, and recovered five fumbles himself, along with making two interceptions. He also blocked a punt.
- Steve is a two-sport captain, and he will lead the Lions’ lacrosse team this spring.
- He is interested in studying health science in college; Ohio State, University of Tampa and Penn State are among his collegiate choices.

**JAY DERING****BRANFORD, Senior**

- Jay was a two-way standout for the Hornets this season, posting 65 tackles and one interception from his strong safety position.
- He added 417 offensive yards, and served as the team’s placekicker. For his efforts, Jay was voted the Hornet’s Most Valuable Player.
- Jay is a member of the Branford boys lacrosse team, and participates in Habitat for Humanity.
- Jay will attend college, and will pursue construction management as a major.

**SPENCER BERTY****Branford, Safety**

- One of the top defensive players in Tier 3 this season, Spencer recorded 87 tackles, including 12 for losses, this fall. He had two quarterback sacks and also recovered a fumble and scored a touchdown. For his efforts, he was named the Hornet’s Defensive MVP.
- For his career, Spencer amassed more than 250 tackles.
- UCONN, UMASS and Southern Connecticut are among his collegiate choices.