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## **Xavier Claims 2020 Merged Boys Cross Country Championships**

New Haven, CT - In a series of division races, Xavier, Guilford, Shelton, and West Haven won their respective divisions, but it was a familiar result as Xavier defended its crown to claim the 2020 league title at East Shore Park on Wednesday, November 5, 2020.

This was Xavier's fifth straight run to the team championship having claimed every crown since 2016. It is their 14th overall league title.



Each division held their own race to meet Covid requirements on social distancing and avoiding gathering of large groups. The results were then merged to crown an overall league champion.

Xavier, who won its D division race to end the day, claimed four of the top 10 overall runners, including a pair of Falcons who crossed the finish line 14 seconds apart to not only win their division race but also claim the top two overall times once they were all merged.

Junior Eamon Burke won the overall individual title, running the 3.2 mile course in 16:25. He was followed by classmate Brody Santagata, who ran in 16:49. The other two Xavier runners to finish in the top 10 were junior Noah San Vicente, who ran 8th in a time of 17:21, and sophomore Nick Cassarino, who finished ninth in a time of 17:33.

Guilford took home second place for the second straight year and was the only other team to place more than one runner in the top 10 overall. Senior Tanner Updyke ran fifth in a time of 17:21, while junior Justin Shiffrin finished four seconds later to claim seventh place.

Amity junior Mason Beaudette placed fourth in 17:00, while Cheshire senior Ryan Farrell rounded out the top five runners with his fourth-place showing in a time of 17:20.

Youth was served on the day, which bodes well for the 2021 season, as seven of the top 10 runners were underclassmen. To add to the youth movement, 15 of the top 20 best times will return for the 2021 season.

Complete team standings and the top 10 runners are listed below. To see a complete list of runners in the final merged standings, please click here - [SCC Merged Individual Results](#).

You can read highlights from each of the four division races below.

### 2020 SCC Boys Cross Country Merged Team Standings

Place	Team	Points
1.	<b>Xavier</b>	<b>29</b>
2.	Guilford	85
3.	Daniel Hand	101
4.	Cheshire	138
5.	Shelton	159
6.	Amity	203
7.	Hamden	210
8.	Notre Dame-WH	242
9.	Wilbur Cross	270
10.	West Haven	282
11.	Jonathan Law	290
12.	Foran	296
13.	Sheehan	319
14.	Lyman Hall	347
15.	North Haven	411
16.	Platt Tech	479

### 2020 SCC Boys Cross Country Merged Top 10 Runners

**NOTE: The first 12 runners earned all-SCC First team Honors**

Place	Pl No.	Name	Grade	School	Time	Pace
1	351	<b>Eamon Burke</b>	11	<b>Xavier</b>	<b>16:25</b>	<b>5:17</b>
2	358	Brody Santagata	11	Xavier	16:49	5:25
3	13	Mason Beaudette	11	Amity	17:00	5:29
4	61	Ryan Farrell	12	Cheshire	17:20	5:35
5	141	Tanner Updyke	12	Guilford	17:21	5:35
6	357	Noah San Vicente	11	Xavier	17:21	5:35
7	137	Justin Shiffrin	11	Guilford	17:25	5:37

8	155	Andrew White	12	Hamden	17:31	5:39
9	352	Nick Cassarino	10	Xavier	17:33	5:39
10	183	Liam Fedigan	10	Jonathan Law	17:35	5:40
11	356	Joshua Lesniak	11	Xavier	17:35	5:40
12	78	Harrison Grenier	10	Daniel Hand	17:35	5:40

**NOTE: The second 12 runners earned all-SCC Second Team Honors**

13	360	Sam Simko	11	Xavier	17:41	5:42
14	131	Ryan Franchi	10	Guilford	17:43	5:42
15	135	Michael Massotti	10	Guilford	17:44	5:43
16	85	Connor Parthasarthy	12	Daniel Hand	17:44	5:43
17	213	Jack Murphy	12	Lyman Hall	17:49	5:44
18	355	Jacob Kirejczyk	11	Xavier	17:49	5:45
19	315	William Rodrigues	11	Shelton	17:51	5:45
20	118	Nathanael Huebner	11	Foran	17:51	5:45
21	80	Danny Hilmer	11	Daniel Hand	17:52	5:46
22	284	Anthony Galicia	11	Sheehan	17:54	5:46
23	87	Dante Zucconi	12	Daniel Hand	17:57	5:47
24	59	Robert DiNatale	11	Cheshire	18:00	5:48

### **Guilford Claims SCC Boys Division A Title**

Guilford placed four of the top five runners to outdistance Daniel Hand and North Haven to claim the Class A championship. In addition to Updike and Shiffrin, sophomores Ryan Franchi and Michael Massotti ran fourth and fifth finishing within a second of each other.

Daniel Hand claimed second place and was led by sophomore Harrison Grenier (17:35).

North Haven ran third and was led by senior Nicholas Howlett (18:56).



### **Shelton Claims SCC Boys Division B Title**

Shelton's depth helped the Gaels run to the Class B crown. They placed five runners in the top 10 to outdistance Amity. William Rodrigues finished third in a time of 17:51. The other Gaels to claim a top 10 finish: Jayden Opper, Jeremy Aprea, Andrew Cole, and Luke Pacheco.

Amity ran second and was led by Mason Beaudette, who crossed the finish line first in a time of 17:00. His time wound up being third overall.

Notre Dame ran third in Class B. Senior Ohm Patel was the top Green Knight runner finishing fifth in a time of 18:03.

Foran took fourth place and was led by senior Nathanael Huebner, who ran in a time of 17:52.

Law was led by second-place runner Liam Fedigan (17:35) en route to their fifth-place finish.





### **West Haven Claims SCC Boys Division C Title**

Wilbur Cross had the first two runners cross the finish line, but it was West Haven, who had five of their harriers place in the next six slots to claim the Class C crown.

Senior Allen Aldrich, junior Justin Rodriguez, and senior James Weber ran third, fourth, and fifth respectively for the Blue Devils. Aldrich ran in 18:58. Juniors Alex Potter and Eric Owen placed 7th and 8th while sophomore Khai Outhavong ran 10th.

Wilbur Cross was led by a pair of juniors at the top of the standings. Nikita Omelchenko ran first in a time of 18:01. Wolf Boone crossed the finish line next in 18:22.

Junior William Schmidheini was Platt Tech's top runner, placing 11th in a time of 20:25, as the Panthers took third place overall.



### **Xavier Claims SCC Boys Division D Title**

Xavier placed runners in three of the top four and five of the top seven positions to claim the Class D title. Their overall performance also led them to the overall crown.

Junior Eamon Burke won the overall individual title, running the 3.2 mile course in 16:25. He was followed by classmate Brody Santagata, who ran in 16:49.

Cheshire ran second with senior Ryan Farrell placing third in a time of 17:21.

Senior Andrew White ran fifth overall in a time of 17:32 to help lead the Hamden Green Dragons to a third-place team finish.

Sheehan finished fourth and was led by junior Anthony Galicia, who ran in a time of 17:55.

Lyman Hall was led by senior Jack Murphy, who claimed ninth overall in a time of 17:49.

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