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## Guilford Claims 2020 Merged Girls Cross Country Championships

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

This was the fourth straight title for Guilford and 16th overall since the SCC was formed in time for the 1994-95 season. While Guilford won its fourth straight title, they will need to capture next year's crown to match their program's previous high of five straight crowns from 2004 through 2008.



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.

Guilford was led by runner up junior Julia Antony, who ran second in a time of 19:53. Sophomore Olivia Kaisin ran ninth in 21:20, while junior Yanli Muhs crossed the finish line in 10th place (21:23).

The top runner was senior Daniel Hand's Anna Steffen, who ran in a time of 18:46. As a team, Hand placed sixth overall.

Amity was the only other squad to place multiple runners in the top 10 as the Spartans finished second overall in the team standings. Sophomore Nell Grant was the top Amity runner (20:47)

to place fifth overall. Junior Aviva Wyner and senior Ariana Garay placed seventh and eighth overall.

Sheehan, Sacred Heart Academy, and Luralton Hall had runners also place in the top 10 overall. The Titans were led by senior Elisabeth Brown, who ran third overall in 20:17. Sophomore Julia Cannon from SHA ran fourth in 20:42, while the Crusaders Kelly Jones placed sixth in a time of 20:54.

Like on the boys side, the future is bright for the SCC with 16 of the top 20 runners being underclassmen.

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 Girls Cross Country Merged Team Standings**

Place	Team	Points
1.	<b>Guilford</b>	<b>45</b>
2.	Amity Regional	58
3.	Sacred Heart Academy	139
4.	Hamden	160
5.	Cheshire	174
6.	Daniel Hand	177
7.	Lyman Hall	205
8.	Jonathan Law	215
9.	Luralton Hall	217
10.	Mercy	223
11.	Sheehan	293
12.	Hillhouse	296
13.	Wilbur Cross	320
14.	Shelton	330
15.	Branford	347
16.	North Haven	445

### **2020 SCC Boys Cross Country Merged Top 24 Runners**

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

Place	Pl No.	Name	Grade	School	Time	Pace
1	<b>73</b>	<b>Anna Steffen</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>Daniel Hand</b>	<b>18:46</b>	<b>6:03</b>
2	121	Julia Antony	11	Guilford	19:53	6:24
3	277	Elisabeth Brown	12	Sheehan	20:17	6:32
4	265	Julia Cannon	10	Sacred Heart Academy	20:42	6:40
5	5	Nell Grant	10	Amity	20:47	6:42
6	196	Kelly Jones	10	Luralton Hall	20:54	6:44

7	11	Aviva Wyner	11	Amity	21:04	6:47
8	4	Ariana Garay	12	Amity	21:14	6:51
9	124	Olivia Kaisin	10	Guilford	21:20	6:52
10	128	Yanli Muhs	11	Guilford	21:23	6:53
11	125	Lorelei King	11	Guilford	21:30	6:56
12	338	Xochitl Sanchez	12	Wilbur Cross	21:31	6:56

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

13	120	Ursula Adams	10	Guilford	21:31	6:56
14	48	Meghan Georgesco	11	Cheshire	21:33	6:56
15	67	Morgan Combs	12	Daniel Hand	21:33	6:57
16	8	Mackenzie Martin	9	Amity	21:47	7:01
17	129	Olivia Skapczynski	11	Guilford	21:48	7:01
18	204	Emily Chase	11	Lyman Hall	21:54	7:03
19	270	Emma Kirck	10	Sacred Heart Academy	21:57	7:04
20	46	Olivia Ferraro	11	Cheshire	21:59	7:05
21	274	Hailey Spooner	9	Sacred Heart Academy	22:02	7:06
22	2	Caroline Chen	12	Amity	22:05	7:07
23	126	Clara Laughlin	10	Guilford	22:11	7:09
24	221	Kylie Fordyce	12	Mercy	22:31	7:15

**Guilford Claims SCC Girls Division A Title**

Guilford's five runners placed second through sixth to claim the Class A crown. Junior Julia Antony ran second in a time of 19:53. The rest of the Guilford runners included sophomore Olivia Kaisin, junior Yanli Muhs, junior Lorelei King, and sophomore Ursula Adams.

The top runner was senior Daniel Hand's Anna Steffen, who ran in a time of 18:46 to claim first in this race. Her time held up throughout the other three races as she claimed the individual title when the day was finished. Hand finished second in the Class A division.

Branford ran third and was led by junior Ilsa Lionetti, who ran in a time of 23:04, to place 10th.

Sophomore Payton Orosco was North Haven's top runner, placing 13th overall (24:15) in their fourth-place showing.

**Amity Claims SCC Girls Division B Title**

Led by sophomore Nell Grant, the Spartans had five runners place in the top six to win the Class B title. Grant was Amity's best runner as she won this division race in 20:47 to place fifth overall. Junior Aviva Wyner, senior Ariana Garay, freshman Mackenzie Martin, and senior Caroline Chen ran third through sixth overall.

Jonathan Law finished second as a team and was led by the 7th-place run of freshman Claire Moulton (22:58).

Lauralton Hall ran third led by the second-place run of Kelly Jones (20:55).

Junior Emily Vasser (24:44) was Shelton's top runner in their fourth-place team finish.



### **Sacred Heart Academy Claims SCC Girls Division C Title**

The Sharks had three of their runners cross the finish line in the top four, and all five counting runs in the top nine to run their way to the Class C title.

Sophomore Julia Cannon won the race in a time of 20:43. This effort placed her fourth overall at the end of the day. Sophomore Emma Kirck, freshmen Hailey Spooner and Meghan Kirck, and sophomore Chase Ireland all ran in the top nine for Sacred Heart Academy.

Sophomores Kayla Blackwell and Bernadette Karpel ran sixth and seventh respectively to lead the Academics to a second-place finish.

Wilbur Cross was led by the second-place run of senior Xochitl Sanchez (21:32) in their team's third-place finish.



### **Hamden Claims SCC Girls Division D Title**

Hamden didn't have a runner finish in the top five, but their depth proved to be the difference as they laid claim to the Class D title. The Green Dragons were led by sixth-place finisher Georgia Kirkendall, who ran in a time of 22:33. Kirkendall was one of three straight Green Dragons to cross the finish line, which turned out to be the difference. Indigo Irwin and Caroline Ennis placed seventh and eighth overall.

Cheshire had two of the top four runners en route to their second-place team result. Junior Meghan Georgesco ran second in a time of 21:34. Junior Olivia Ferraro placed fourth.

Lyman Hall junior Emily Chase placed third in a time of 21:55.

Senior Kylie Fordyce from Mercy was the Tigers top runner, placing fifth in a time of 22:32.

Sheehan's Elisabeth Brown won the race, and wound up third overall, in her effort that saw her finish in a time of 20:18.



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