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From the Commissioner's Desk

2007-08 was another fine year for the "best" high school conference in the state. There are many things to be proud of – and many of these successes fit nicely with the three core ideals – *academics, sportsmanship and leadership* - this conference symbolizes. I congratulate all of our member schools for their commitment towards these ideals.

Looking forward, the league turns 15 in September... it's hard to believe it's been that long, and we have already started some plans to commemorate the special milestone.

As always, many thanks to our various administrators (principals, assistant principals, athletic directors and coaches) from our 23 member schools whose enthusiasm and vision help drive this league. Your ideas, interest and support are always appreciated!

Special thanks to Judy Gallagher (Cheshire HS) who served as the league's President. Judy did such a fabulous job, her colleagues voted her to serve one more year! Also, many thanks to Elaine Piazza (Lyman Hall HS) who served as the league's Athletic Director Chairperson.

Best wishes for a safe and restful summer!

- Al Carbone



On the Web

*SportingNewsCT.com Covers
the SCC in Many Areas*

Nearly three years ago, Don Boyle launched a website - **www.SportingNewsCT.com** - with hopes to broadcast selected sporting events in the New Haven area.

During the 2007-08 academic year, Don and his staff broadcast a total of 163 athletic events, including SCC championship games in nine different sports, and also produced weekly preview



shows with player and coach interviews for football, ice hockey and baseball. During the year, SportingNewsCT.com integrated video streaming with the audio which created an ever better product for SCC fans.

In addition to the live sporting events, SportingNewsCT.com broadcast other SCC events, such as the Captains Council, and member school events like the Notre Dame graduation ceremony and Shelton Robotics Competition.

"SportingNewsCT.com is honored to be the voice of the SCC and Greater New Haven sports," Don said. "The administrators at all of the schools have been so accepting and gracious towards our efforts, and we look forward to continuing the partnership and utilizing our new capability of video streaming."

With that, there is much to look forward to in 2008-2009 - the 15th year of the conference.

THANKS TO OUR SPONSORS

To continue to offer top-notch programs and events, the Southern Connecticut Conference relies on financial support from the local business community.

The SCC had several corporate sponsors for the 2007-08 academic year, including the NewAlliance Foundation, The United Illuminating Company, the International Union of Operating Engineers - Local 478 and Boathouse Sports.

Their support is well-appreciated!



SCC Member Schools: Amity • Branford • Career • Cheshire • Daniel Hand • Derby • East Haven • Fairfield Prep • Foran • Guilford • Hamden • Hillhouse, Jonathan Law • Lyman Hall • Mercy • North Haven • Notre Dame-WH • Sacred Heart Academy • Sheehan • Shelton • West Haven • Wilbur Cross • Xavier

SCC/SportsCenter of Connecticut "Scholar Athlete of the Month" Program A Success

The SCC/SportsCenter of Connecticut Scholar Athlete of the Month program recognized 124 outstanding young men and women during the 2007-08 academic year. Recipients were selected by their school's athletic directors and coaching staffs, and received a certificate, commemorative tee-shirt and a SportsCenter activity pass.

"Many thanks to the SportsCenter of Connecticut for their astute interest in recognizing some exceptional scholar-athletes who truly embody the meaning of the words – scholar and athlete," SCC Commissioner Al Carbone said.

For complete bios of each recipient, go to www.southernconnecticutconference.org



MAY 2008

Robert Roller (Shelton, *baseball*)
Virginia Cook (Shelton, *tennis*)
Louanne Woznicki (Lyman Hall, *track & field*)
Chris Gatcomb (Lyman Hall, *golf*)
Dan Tebes (Hamden, *lacrosse*)
Julie Bruhn, (Hamden, *softball*)
Maired Smith (North Haven, *track & field*)
Benjamin Shatsoff (North Haven, *tennis*)
Jasmine Ortiz (Career, *softball*)
Otis Brown (Career, *baseball*)
Lee Bouldin (Amity, *track & field*)
Stephanie Shea (Amity, *lacrosse*)
Becky Prichard (Jonathan Law, *track & field*)
James Ineson (Jonathan Law, *baseball*)
Sage Aronson (Guilford, *tennis*)
Emma Stockmann (Guilford, *softball*)

APRIL 2008

Bianca Cornacchia (Sacred Heart Academy, *lacrosse*),
Erin Flanagan (Hand, *lacrosse*),
Hope Staneski (Foran, *track & field*)
Kyle Dorso (Foran, *track & field*),
Chris Chin (Hillhouse, *baseball*),
Shane Magazine, (Hillhouse, *softball*)
Alex Thompson (Sheehan, *tennis*)
Lisa Cheung (Sheehan, *tennis*)
William Dooley (Notre Dame, *lacrosse*)
Anthony Pisani (Notre Dame, *baseball*)
Nav Kaur (Branford, *tennis*)
Zachary Owen (Branford, *track & field*)
Rich Fusco (Cheshire, *track & field*)
Megan Ciarlelli (Cheshire, *softball*)

MARCH 2008

Latosha Murray (Wilbur Cross, *track & field*)
Coulter Schmitz (Wilbur Cross, *lacrosse*)
Kevin O'Hara (Xavier, *golf*)
Brian Fitzpatrick (Xavier, *basketball*)
Jen Fuggi (West Haven, *gymnastics*)
Salvatore Augliera (West Haven, *swimming*)
Stephanie Gavilanes (Derby, *track & field*)
Terry Keegan (Fairfield Prep, *tennis*)
Rowan Kane (Fairfield Prep, *basketball*)
Olivia Wilson (Mercy, *lacrosse*),
Megan Hanly (Mercy, *softball*)

FEBRUARY 2008

Alessandra Fiallos (Sacred Heart Academy, *indoor track*),
Mark Hales (East Haven, *basketball*)
Britany Sweet (Hamden, *ice hockey*)
Michael Sanca (Hamden, *ice hockey*)
Ann-Marie Clarke (Hillhouse, *indoor track*)
Jeremy Moore (Hillhouse, *basketball*)
Christine Warner (North Haven, *basketball*)
Steven Plachtyna (North Haven, *ice hockey*)
Lacey Vogel (Amity, *indoor track*)
Zachary Bell (Amity, *basketball*)
Taylor Gregoire-Wright (Guilford, *fencing*)
Melanie DeCaprio (Guilford, *ice hockey*)
Brian Kachmark (Notre Dame, *ice hockey*)
Peter Vogel (Notre Dame, *swimming*)

JANUARY 2008

Tiffany Wynn (Career, *basketball*)
Raymond Askew (Career, *basketball*)
Jennifer Crowther (Sheehan, *cheerleading*)
Bryan Sidwell (Sheehan, *ice hockey*)
Rebecca Houde (Branford, *gymnastics*)
Matt Casey (Branford, *indoor track*)
Michael Dellacorte (Shelton, *ice hockey*)
Lauren Flament (Shelton, *indoor track*)
Traci Umbreit (Foran, *gymnastics*)
Nathan Firm (Foran, *basketball*)

DECEMBER 2007

Gabriella Wilson (Mercy, *indoor track*)
Aniella Opalacz (Mercy, *indoor track*)
Patrick White (Fairfield Prep, *swimming*)
Julian Campoli (Fairfield Prep, *wrestling*)
Stephen Poppa (Derby, *wrestling*)
Christopher Mastrianni (Derby, *wrestling*)
Chantell Alford (Wilbur Cross, *basketball*)
Elvin Rodriguez (Wilbur Cross, *basketball*)
Brian Roach (Jonathan Law, *basketball*)
Becca Sheilds (Jonathan Law, *basketball*)
Rebecca Bocco (West Haven, *swimming*)
Tommy Marchitto (West Haven, *ice hockey*)
Tim Fekete (Lyman Hall, *indoor track*)
Sheila Reagan (Lyman Hall, *indoor track*)
Brendan Andrew (Hand, *wrestling*)
Kate Clawson (Hand, *basketball*)

NOVEMBER 2007

Courtney Staggers (Hillhouse, *cross country*)
Paul Corona (Hillhouse, *football*)
Tracy Dabakis (Sacred Heart Academy, *volleyball*)
Callie Zwahlen (Sacred Heart Academy, *swimming*)
Gary Barbour (Career, *soccer*)
Martza Rosemond (Career, *volleyball*)
Curtis Gullette (Guilford, *soccer*)
Madeline Small (Guilford, *field hockey*)
John Santoro (Notre Dame, *football*)
Peter Tinari (Notre Dame, *cross country*)
Durval Pereira (Cheshire, *soccer*)
Irene Kalbian (Cheshire, *cross country*)
Ryan Katon (Xavier, *football*)
Nick Kelly (Xavier, *soccer*)
Morgan Dwyer (North Haven, *volleyball*)
Eric Spose (North Haven, *boys soccer*)

OCTOBER 2007

Jennifer O'Neil (Mercy, *soccer*)
Samantha Sitrler (Mercy, *swimming*)
Joseph Greenspun (Amity, *cross country*)
Catherine Evans (Amity, *swimming*)
Keith Sansone (Shelton, *cross country*)
Shannon Beach (Shelton, *volleyball*)
Ethan Ritz (Foran, *cross country*)
Rachel Lontas (Foran, *swimming*)
Shane Lange (Branford, *football*)
Chelsea Sheehan (Branford, *field hockey*)
Courtney Dinnan (Hamden, *cross country*)
Aaron Cubells (Hamden, *cross country*)
Matt Kellas (East Haven, *soccer*)
Gabriele Pane (East Haven, *soccer*)

SEPTEMBER 2007

David Birdsall (Daniel Hand, *cross country*)
Brittany Jackson (Daniel Hand, *soccer*)
Zachary Hahn (Derby, *football*)
Sarah Timpko (Derby, *soccer*)
Colin Nevins (Fairfield Prep, *crew*)
John Cunningham (Fairfield Prep, *football*)
Colleen O'Flynn (Jonathan Law)
Will Turner (Jonathan Law, *football*)
David Jordan (Lyman Hall, *football*)
Katie Mantie (Lyman Hall, *soccer*)
Jamal Howard (West Haven, *soccer*)
Stacey Williams (West Haven, *soccer*)
Zhuiyang Chen (Wilbur Cross, *soccer*)

Recapping the 2008 Spring Sports Season

SCC hosted postseason competitions in all 10 sports

BASEBALL

Hammonasset: Guilford (8-0)

Housatonic: Amity (6-2)

Oronoque: Branford (10-0)

Quinnipiac: Xavier (8-0)

SCC Playoffs: Notre Dame defeated Amity, 10-8, in the championship game on May 24 at Yale Field.

SOFTBALL

Hammonasset: Jonathan Law (7-1)

Housatonic: Cheshire (7-1)

Oronoque: North Haven (10-0)

Quinnipiac: Mercy (5-1)

SCC Playoffs: Amity defeated Cheshire, 5-3, in the championship game on May 26 at West Haven HS.

GOLF

Hammonasset: Guilford (8-0)

Housatonic: Cheshire (7-1)

Oronoque: East Haven (7-1)

Quinnipiac: Xavier (5-1)

SCC Championships (May 20 @New Haven Country Club):

1. Xavier, 322; 2. Fairfield Prep, 323; 3. Cheshire, 324; 4. Hand, 326; 5. Notre Dame, 333; 6. Guilford, 340; 7. Lyman Hall, 345; 8. Hamden, 347; 9. East Haven, 385

GIRLS OUTDOOR TRACK

Hammonasset Division Meet (May 14 @Jonathan Law HS): 1. Hand, 108; 2. Guilford, 86; 3. Hillhouse, 78; 4. Jonathan Law, 69; 5. Foran, 34

Housatonic Division Meet (May 14 @Sheehan HS): 1. Shelton, 119; 2. Cheshire, 95; 3. Amity, 71; 4. Sheehan, 46; 5. Lyman Hall, 42

Oronoque Division Meet (May 14 @East Haven HS): 1. North Haven, 110.50; 2. Branford, 103.50; 3. East Haven, 74 4; 4. Wilbur Cross, 46; 5. Career, 41

Quinnipiac Division Meet (May 14 @Hamden HS): 1. Hamden, 103; 2. Mercy, 70; 3. Sacred Heart Academy, 52; 4. West Haven, 51

SCC Championships (May 22 @Sheehan HS): 1. Hamden, 76; 2. Shelton, 71; 3. Amity, 58; 4. Hand, 55; 5. Hillhouse, 54; 6. Cheshire, 50.5; 7. Guilford, 49; 8. Mercy 48.5; 9. West Haven, 43; 10. North Haven, 38.5; 11. Branford, 37; 12. East Haven, 36.5; 13. Wilbur Cross, 21.5; 14. Lyman Hall, 18.5; 15. Jonathan Law, 15; 16. Sacred Heart Academy, 15; 17. Sheehan, 10; 18. Career, 5

BOYS OUTDOOR TRACK

Hammonasset Division Meet (May 15 @Jonathan Law HS): 1. Hand, 130; 2. Jonathan Law, 128; 3. Hillhouse, 97; 4. Foran, 12; 5. Guilford, 8

Housatonic Division Meet (May 15 @Sheehan HS): 1. Amity, 136; 2. Cheshire, 83; 3. Shelton, 65; 4. Sheehan, 57.5; 5. Lyman Hall, 38

Quinnipiac Division Meet (May 15 @Hamden HS): 1. Notre



Fairfield Prep won the 2008 SCC boys tennis title

Dame, 99; 3. Xavier, 88; 3. Hamden, 77; 4. Fairfield Prep, 60; 5. West Haven, 51

Oronoque Division Meet (May 15 @East Haven HS): 1. Branford, 215; 2. Wilbur Cross, 120; 3. North Haven, 106.5; 4. East Haven, 71.5; 5. Career, 36; 6. Derby, 2

SCC Championships (May 28 @Sheehan HS): 1. Branford 94.5; 2. Amity, 92; 3. Hillhouse, 65; 4. Cheshire, 53; 5. Xavier, 49; 5. Wilbur Cross, 49; 7. Hand, 37.5; 8. Notre Dame, 36; 9. Fairfield Prep, 35; 9. Hamden, 35; 11. North Haven, 27; 12. Shelton, 26; 13. Sheehan, 25.5; 14. Jonathan Law, 22; 15. East Haven, 21; 16. Career, 14; 17. Lyman Hall, 10.5; 18. West Haven, 8; 19. Guilford, 2.

BOYS LACROSSE

Regular-season: Fairfield Prep (7-0)

SCC Playoffs: Fairfield Prep defeated Cheshire, 15-4, in the championship game on May 27 at Branford HS.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Regular-season: Hand (9-0)

SCC Playoffs: Hand defeated Guilford, 15-10, in the championship game, on May 27 at Hamden HS.

BOYS TENNIS

Hammonasset: Guilford (8-0)

Housatonic: Amity (8-0)

Oronoque: Branford (8-0)

Quinnipiac: Fairfield Prep (8-0)

SCC Playoffs: Fairfield Prep defeated Amity, 5-2, in the championship match on May 23 at the Yale Tennis Courts

GIRLS TENNIS

Regular season: Hand (10-0)

SCC Playoffs: Hand defeated Cheshire, 5-2, in the championship match on May 23 at the Yale Tennis Courts.

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Regular Season: Shelton (7-1)

SCC Playoffs: #1 Shelton defeated #2 Hand, 3-1 (25-19, 12-25, 25-17, 25-22) on May 22 at Amity HS.

SCC Notebook

Happy Trails...

Two administrators will be retiring at the conclusion of the 2007-08 academic year... **Dr. Ed Higgins** (Branford HS principal) and **Don Ramia** (Shelton HS headmaster)... Both gentlemen have been extremely supportive of our league's activities and will be missed!

First Time Titles!

The North Haven softball and Jonathan Law baseball teams won state championships this spring - and it was the first state title in their respective sports for both ... After defeating SCC-rival Mercy in the semifinals, North Haven (22-3) defeated Waterford, 5-4, in eight innings to win the Class L title.... Seeded 20th in Class L, Jonathan Law (14-11) defeated SCC Hammonasset Division rival and defending state champion Guilford in the semifinals and Fairfield Ludlowe, 7-1, in the title game... Law was one of four teams from the SCC Hammonasset Division (Law, Guilford, Hand in Class L and Foran in Class M) to reach the baseball state semifinals.

Three-Peat for Jesuits

Fairfield Prep (19-4) captured Class L boys lacrosse title with an exciting 15-14 (3 OT) victory over Ridgefield... The Jesuits, who have won the SCC title the last two years, won its third straight state title.

Amity's Esposito Earns Gatorade Honors

Amity senior third baseman/pitcher **Jason Esposito** was named the 2008 Gatorade High School Connecticut Baseball Player of the Year ... Winners are selected for their outstanding athletic performance, but also for meeting high academic achievement standards while demonstrating exemplary personal character on and off the field.

SCC and the MLB Draft

The SCC had three players - one current and two former All-Division selections - picked in the 2008 Major League Baseball Draft on June 5-6... Amity's **Jason Esposito** was selected in the seventh round (254th pick) by the Kansas City Royals... Two other former SCC student-athletes were drafted... Former Amity and University of New Haven catcher **Michael Moras** (20th round, New York Mets) and former Hand and Fordham University pitcher **Tom Davis** (16th round, San Diego Padres) were selected.

Kudos Department

- The Guilford boys tennis doubles duo of **Jeff Deason/Mike Ruotolo** defeated Nic Visinski/Jake Zhitov of Fairfield Warde in straight sets (6-3, 7-5) to win the 2008 Class M title... In the Class LL doubles final, Fairfield Prep's **Terry Keegan/Jason Ottomano** fell to Brett Francis/Kyle Boguslawski of Glastonbury, 6-3 and 6-4.
- Hillhouse girls track coach **Gary Moore** was recognized as "Coach of the Year" by The Connecticut High School Coaches Association at its 44th annual Recognition Dinner in May.
- The SCC boasted the two two female track & field athletes in the state heptathlon, held on June 17-18 at New Britain's Willow Brook Park... Hillhouse senior **Ann Marie Clarke** won the competition with 4452 points, followed by Amity's **Allison Barwise** (4226).

2007-08 SCC State Champions

Fall (3)

Sport	Class	School
Boys Cross Country	MM	Hand
Girls Cross Country	MM	Guilford
Girls Volleyball	LL	Cheshire

Winter (5)

Boys Indoor Track	M	Hillhouse
Girls Indoor Track	Open	Hillhouse
Ice Hockey	I	Fairfield Prep
Ice Hockey	II	Amity
Girls Basketball	LL	Career

Spring (3)

Baseball	L	Jonathan Law
Softball	L	North Haven
Boys Lacrosse	L	Fairfield Prep

2007-08 State Runner-Ups

Fall (5)

Sport	Class	School
Girls Cross Country	Open	Guilford
Girls Swimming	Open	Cheshire
Girls Swimming	LL	Cheshire
Football	LL	Shelton
Football	MM	Hand

Winter (9)

Boys Swimming	LL	Fairfield Prep
Boys Swimming	M	Branford
Gymnastics	M	Hand
Girls Indoor Track	L	Hillhouse
Boys Indoor Track	Open	Wilbur Cross
Boys Indoor Track	LL	Wilbur Cross
Boys Basketball	L	Lyman Hall
Cheerleading	S	Derby
Wrestling	LL	Amity

Spring (3)

Girls Tennis	M	Hand
Girls Tennis	L	Cheshire
Boys Outdoor Track	LL	Amity

Of Note: Fifty-seven SCC teams (out of a possible 87) qualified for CIAC spring sport team playoff competition in 2007: *baseball* (15-of-21), *softball* (14-of-20), *boys lacrosse* (9-of-13), *girls lacrosse* (5-of-10), *boys volleyball* (4-of-5) and *golf* (10-of-19).