

# SCC NEWS



## Official Newsletter of the Southern Connecticut Conference

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### From the Commissioner's Desk

*Welcome to the first issue of SCC News, a tri-annual newsletter devoted to what's happening around the Southern Connecticut Conference.*

#### Thanks to Bill O'Brien...

Since my appointment as Commissioner this past May, I have had the privilege of working alongside (and learning the ropes from) Bill O'Brien. Bill successfully served as Commissioner of this great conference since its inception in 1994. Bill's devotion to this league and its students was - and remains - truly outstanding. Many thanks to Bill!

#### The Best League in the State...

I truly believe the SCC is the best league in the state of Connecticut! It's a great athletic conference - as evidenced by our 207 state championships since 1994. More importantly, the league has continued a great tradition of offering first-rate non-athletic programs and events which enrich the students' overall high school experience. So, thanks to all the principals and athletic directors who do the "real work" every single day!

#### Thanks to Our Sponsors...

To continue to offer these top-notch programs and events, we must rely on the financial support from the local business community. The SCC has several sponsors for the 2004-05 academic year, including NewAlliance Bank, The United Illuminating Company, New Haven Register, and Velocity Sports Performance. Their support is well-appreciated.



**New Haven Register**



#### SCC Website Coming Soon...

One of my goals as I started this position was to develop a website for the conference. As a result, I am pleased to announce that in mid-January 2005, the conference will unveil its first-ever website - [www.SouthernConnecticutConference.org](http://www.SouthernConnecticutConference.org). The site will have all kinds of great information about the conference and its 23 member-schools. A full-scale publicity campaign will parallel the go-live date.

#### Questions, Comments, Suggestions are Welcomed...

If anyone has questions, comments, or suggestions about the SCC, this newsletter, etc., contact me via email: [commissioner@southernconnecticutconference.org](mailto:commissioner@southernconnecticutconference.org)

*Best wishes for a happy and safe holiday season!*  
- Al Carbone, Commissioner

### SCC Teams Win Nine State Titles in the Fall

Once again, SCC member-schools fared well on the playing fields.

To start, 42 teams qualified for CIAC fall sport playoff competition in girls volleyball, girls soccer, boys soccer, and field hockey.

During the fall season, SCC teams won a total of nine state championships. Four additional teams earned runner-up status in CIAC state competition during the fall campaign.

The nine titles ties a league record, achieved six other times. Since the league's inception in 1994, SCC schools have now won 207 state championships.

#### SCC State Champions Fall 2004

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>School</u>
Girls Cross Country	MM	Guilford
Boys Cross Country	L	Guilford
Boys Cross Country	Open	Guilford
Girls Volleyball	L	East Haven
Field Hockey	M	Branford
Girls Swimming	M	Branford
Girls Swimming	LL	Cheshire
Girls Swimming	Open	Cheshire
Football	M	Hand

#### SCC State Runner-Ups Fall 2004

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>School</u>
Girls Volleyball	LL	Cheshire
Girls Volleyball	M	Law
Girls Soccer	L	Hand
Football	M	Branford

## Diversity Dream Team

Under the direction of David Maloney, an assistant principal at Branford High School, the SCC Diversity Dream Team program has once again been a great success.

Well over 100 students participated in the kickoff event held on September 23 at the Jewish Community Center in Woodbridge.

Several other smaller, more intimate sessions are continuing to be held at the respective SCC member-schools.

These "teams" will implement an action plan designed to promote acceptance, heighten communication, and foster the appreciation of difference in their respective high schools.



*One of the many activities during the Diversity Dream Team sessions*

## Student Leadership Conference a Great Success!

Under the direction of Ms. Arlene Salvati, assistant principal at Hamden High School, the third annual SCC Leadership Conference was held on November 23 on the campus of Quinnipiac University.

### ***The turn-out was fabulous!***

Nearly 250 students from 18 different SCC schools participated in the event. In addition to a variety of small break-out sessions and activities, the students listed to an impressive guest speaker, Ms. Anna Mahon.

Anna, who is currently an English teacher at Amity Regional High School, is also a world-class athlete (hammer throw) who recently participated in the 2004 Summer Olympics in Athens, Greece. Anna provided the student leaders with a first-hand lesson on her training and preparation for the Olympic Games as well as thoughtful remarks on leadership and success.

## Captains Council Recaps

The SCC has hosted two successful Captains Council luncheons so far this academic year.

The fall event was held on September 13 and brought together fall sports captains - just over 300 in total - to discuss the topic of parental involvement.

The guest speaker was Quinnipiac University baseball coach Dan Gooley. Coach Gooley, a product of Hillhouse High School, talked about the responsibilities a captain has to ensure team success.

The winter event was held on December 6, again to a packed house of over 300 student-athletes, and the topic discussed was community service.

The guest speaker was Walter Luckett, a former standout basketball player at Kolbe-Cathedral H.S. (he scored 2,691 career points) and All-American at Ohio University. Walter, who was drafted into the NBA by the Detroit Pistons, never got to play in the pros due to a career-ending knee injury. However, he got his degree and went into the corporate world and does his part helping his community.

The spring event is scheduled for Monday, April 4.



*Walter Luckett once graced the cover of Sports Illustrated (1972) as the "top high school basketball player in the nation."*

## Fall Champions

Listed below are the 2004 sport-by-sport divisional and playoff champions for the eight fall sports.

### **FOOTBALL**

Division I West: Xavier (4-0)

Division I East: Hand (4-0)

Division II West: Branford (4-0)

Division II East: Foran (3-1)

### **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**

**Team Title:** Guilford

**Runner-Up:** Amity

**Individual Title:** Jay Koloseus, Guilford (15:59.2 - meet record)

### **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

**Team Title:** Guilford

**Runner-Up:** Amity

**Individual Title:** Sonia Haerizadeh, Amity (19:23)

### **FIELD HOCKEY**

**Regular-Season Co-Champions:**

Branford and Hand (8-1)

### **GIRLS SOCCER**

**Hammonasset:** Hand (5-1)

**Housatonic:** Cheshire (7-0-1)

**Oronoque:** North Haven (8-0)

**Quinnipiac:** Mercy (6-0)

**SCC Playoffs:** Cheshire defeated Hand, 2-1, in finals.

### **BOYS SOCCER**

**Hammonasset:** Guilford (8-0)

**Housatonic:** Shelton (5-2-1)

**Oronoque:** Wilbur Cross (7-1)

**Quinnipiac:** Fairfield Prep (7-1)

**SCC Playoffs:** Guilford defeated Fairfield Prep, 2-0, in finals

### **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

**Hammonasset:** Law (8-0)

**Housatonic:** Amity (8-0)

**Oronoque:** East Haven, Branford (7-1)

**Quinnipiac:** Hamden (5-1)

**SCC Playoffs:** Cheshire defeated East Haven, 3-0, in finals.

### **GIRLS SWIMMING**

**Team Title:** Cheshire

**Team Runner-Up:** Hand