

# SCC News

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## From the Commissioner's Desk

**Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!** As we continue to commemorate the 15th year of the Southern Connecticut Conference, there are many good things to recognize.

The league's Diversity Dream Teams program continues to flourish and the Student Leadership Conference was held in October to rave reviews from its participants.

Athletically, the SCC has continued to fare well, hosting some exciting playoff contests in the fall. Three member-school teams captured state championships with seven more earning runner-up status.

In addition, the SCC has continued its partnership with the Sports Center of Connecticut to honor our league's top scholar-athletes. So far, we've honored 43 student athletes with some impressive credentials.

**Congratulations to everyone and continue the success!**

The 2009 calendar year looks even more promising! In addition to our upcoming winter sports playoffs, the SCC will host an Unifed Basketball tournament, a Cheerleading Competition, a week-long Arts Exhibition, and a Music Festival. In late March, we will also honor 46 students – "the best of the best" – at our annual Scholar Leader banquet.

I look forward to seeing you soon!

Best wishes,  
Al Carbone



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## Thanks to Our Corporate 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 has several sponsors for the 2008-09 academic year, including the *NewAlliance Foundation*, *The United Illuminating Company*, *The International Union of Operating Engineers Local 478*, *Billings Sports* and the league's newest corporate sponsor, *Connecticut Orthopaedic Specialists*.

For the third straight year, *Dick's Sporting Goods* has partnered with the SCC to provide coupons and promotional material at league events.

All of the support is well-appreciated!



## Recapping the 2008 Fall Sports Season

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

### BOYS CROSS COUNTRY

**Hammonasset:** Guilford (4-0)

**Housatonic:** Amity (4-0)

**Oronoque:** Branford (5-0)

**Quinnipiac:** Xavier (4-0)

**SCC Championship Meet - Oct. 16 at Hammonasset State Park**

**Final Team Results:** 1. Amity, 48; 2. Shelton, 71; 3. Cheshire, 110; 4. Hand, 119; 5. Xavier, 123; 6. Fairfield Prep, 142; 7. Guilford, 181; 8. Foran, 263; 9. Branford, 274; 10. Hamden, 304; 11. Notre Dame, 306; 12. North Haven, 333; 13. Sheehan, 400; 14. Jonathan Law, 433; 15. Lyman Hall, 442; 16. Wilbur Cross, 468; 17. Hillhouse, 500; 18. East Haven, 503; 19. West Haven, 530

**Individual Champion:** Richard Stolicker (Shelton), 16:10.05

### GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY

**Hammonasset:** Guilford (4-0)

**Housatonic:** Amity (4-0)

**Oronoque:** Branford (4-0)

**Quinnipiac:** Mercy (3-0)

**SCC Championship Meet - Oct. 16 at Hammonasset State Park**

**Final Team Results:** 1. Guilford, 29; 2. Shelton, 88; 3. Amity, 92; 4. Hand, 101; 5. Cheshire, 111; 6. Mercy, 186; 7. Hamden, 233; 8. Branford, 242; 9. Foran, 311; 10., North Haven, 312; 11. Jonathan Law, 316; 12. Sheehan, 320; 13. West Haven, 344; 14. Hillhouse, 364; 15. Sacred Heart Academy, 388; 16. East Haven, 400; 17. Wilbur Cross, 480

**Individual Champion:** Sarah Cotton (Hand), 19:03.17

### FIELD HOCKEY

**Regular-season Champion:** Branford (9-0-1)

**Runner-up:** Hand (8-0-2-1)

### FOOTBALL

**Division I East:** Cheshire (4-0)

**Division I West:** Hamden (3-1)

**Division I East:** Foran (4-0)

**Division I West:** Hillhouse (4-0)

### GIRLS SWIMMING

**Division I regular-season:** Cheshire (6-0)

**Division II regular-season:** Sacred Heart Academy (7-0)

**SCC Championship Meet - Oct. 29 at Kiputh Pool - Yale University**

**Final Team Results:** 1. Cheshire, 1317.5; 2. Branford, 504.5; 3. Shelton, 435; 4. Sacred Heart Academy, 431; 5. Amity, 373; 6. Mercy, 323; 7. Hamden, 291; 8. Hand, 236; 9. West Haven, 232; 10. Sheehan, 175; 11. North Haven, 172; 12. Foran, 134; 13. Lyman Hall, 111; 14. Jonathan Law, 105; 15. East Haven, 52; 16. Guilford, 50.

**Diving Champion:** Jenn Thompson (Cheshire): 378 points

**Runner-up:** Amanda Saslow (North Haven), 351.90 points



*Cheshire won its league-best seventh SCC girls volleyball title*

### BOYS SOCCER

**Hammonasset:** Guilford (6-0)

**Housatonic:** Amity (6-2)

**Oronoque:** North Haven (9-1)

**Quinnipiac:** Notre Dame (6-2)

**SCC Playoffs:** Second-seeded Amity defeated #1 Guilford, 0-0 (3-2 penalty kicks) in the championship match on Oct. 29.

### GIRLS SOCCER

**Hammonasset:** Hand (5-0-1)

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

**Oronoque:** Wilbur Cross (7-0-1)

**Quinnipiac:** Mercy, West Haven (4-1-1)

**SCC Playoffs:** Fourth-seeded Hand defeated #2 Wilbur Cross, 2-0, in the championship match on Oct. 29.

### GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

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

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

**Oronoque:** Branford (8-0)

**Quinnipiac:** Sacred Heart Academy (6-0)

**SCC Playoffs:** Top-seeded Cheshire defeated #3 Sacred Heart Academy, 3-0 (25-18, 25-20, 25-18) in the championship match on Nov. 1.

## Fall Sports All-Conference Teams on SCC Website

*The 2008 Fall Sports All-Conference and All-Division selections are available on each sports' respective home page on the SCC website - [www.southernconnecticutconference.org](http://www.southernconnecticutconference.org)*

## SCC Teams Win Three State Titles in the Fall

Once again, SCC member-schools fared well on the playing fields. To start, 43 teams qualified for CIAC fall sport playoff competition in girls soccer (11-of-18), boys soccer (14-of-20), girls volleyball (10-of-19), and field hockey (8-of-11). Three football teams also qualified for the state playoffs.

During the fall season, SCC teams won three state championships. Seven additional teams earned runner-up status in CIAC state competition during the fall campaign.

Since the league's inception in 1994, SCC schools have now won 266 state championships.

### State Champions (3)

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>School</u>
Girls Cross Country	MM	Guilford
Boys Cross Country	MM	Hand
Boys Cross Country	L	Amity

### Runners-Up (7)

<u>Sport</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>School</u>
Boys Cross Country	Open	Shelton
Girls Cross Country	Open	Guilford
Football	IL	Cheshire
Girls Swimming	Open	Cheshire
Girls Swimming	IL	Cheshire
Girls Soccer	IL	Cheshire
Girls Volleyball	M	Jonathan Law

## Student Leadership Conference a Success!

The SCC "Student Leadership Conference" was held on Tuesday, Oct. 28 at the New Haven Athletic Center... Over 200 student-leaders participated in the conference, which is designed to impart of a sense of obligation and commitment upon the students to continue and enhance their roles as leaders and use these roles to better their surrounding environments... the theme for the conference was **"You Can Lead – Components of Leadership"**... Another conference, to provide an update on each school's Action Plan and to plan for 2009-2010, will be held on May 27 at the New Haven Athletic Center... *Special thanks to Arlene Salvati and Joe Canzanella for their the coordination of the event.*



## SportsCenter of CT/SCC Scholar Athlete of the Month Program

For the third year, the SCC is partnering with the The SportsCenter of Connecticut ([www.sportscenterct.com](http://www.sportscenterct.com)) on a Scholar Athlete of the Month program which honors the best scholar-athletes each month.

The SportsCenter of Connecticut/SCC Scholar Athlete of the Month program will recognize outstanding young men and women from each of the conference's 23 member schools during the 2008-09 academic year.



### SEPTEMBER 2008 recipients

Peter Christiani (Fairfield Prep, football), Brian L. Murphy (Fairfield Prep, soccer), Kevin Shirley (Daniel Hand, soccer), Brielle Sydor (Daniel Hand, volleyball), Ryan Graeb (Lyman Hall, football), Sara Woznicki (Lyman Hall, soccer), Jessica Shapiro (Jonathan Law, volleyball), James Quish (Jonathan Law, football), Jermaine Brookshire (Wilbur Cross, football), Latrice Hampton (Wilbur Cross, volleyball), Kara Maltese (West Haven, volleyball), Tom Ciarleglio (West Haven, cross country), Tiffany Murphy (Derby, soccer), Joseph Morrow (Derby, cross country), Jennifer Yoo (East Haven, cross country), Melissa Magliola (East Haven, volleyball)

### OCTOBER 2008 recipients

Kyle Craven (Career, soccer), Maritza Rosemond (Career, volleyball), Chelsea O'Connor (Branford, soccer), Robert Dextrateur (Branford, cross country), Georgia Feroce (Shelton, soccer), Richard Stoliker (Shelton, cross country), Joseph Tylutki (Foran, cross country), Gina Massari (Foran, cross country), Adam Trofa (Amity Regional, cross country), Marielle Sanchez (Amity Regional, swimming), Jessica Oidtman (Mercy, soccer), Chelsea Lombardo (Mercy, soccer), Stefanie Schaefer (Hamden, soccer), Josh Smart (Hamden, football)

### NOVEMBER 2008 recipients

Ashley McWilliams (Hillhouse, volleyball), Leo James (Hillhouse, football), Michael Demarseilles (Notre Dame, football), Michael Limosani (Notre Dame, soccer), Katelyn Lamb (Sheehan, volleyball), Stephen Dombroski (Sheehan, football), Aaron Steinberg (Guilford, soccer), Emily Barber (Guilford, swimming), Alyssa Andreucci (Sacred Heart Academy, volleyball), Irene Kalbian Cheshire (cross country), Billy Ragone Cheshire (football), Ryan Hammond (Xavier, cross country), Dan McGrath (Xavier, football)



## SCC Football and Basketball Highlighted on WCTX/MyTV 9

### *Seven Football Games Televised in the Fall, Another Seven Basketball in the Winter*

The Southern Connecticut Conference has been prominently featured on the WCTX/My TV 9 “High School Game of the Week.” The television package kicked off this fall with football and continues this winter for basketball season.

During the football season, WCTX/My TV 9 featured seven games involving 10 SCC schools in its “High School Game of the Week” package. Games were streamed live at [www.wtnh.com](http://www.wtnh.com) and rebroadcast the next evening.

In addition, MSG TV also televised a SCC football contest (Hand vs. Fairfield Prep) on Sept. 26. It was the second straight year that the SCC was televised on the popular regional sports network.

### **SCC Hoops, Too...**

Seven contests involving nine boys and girls teams from SCC member schools, including both the league’s girls (Feb. 26) and boys (March 4) championship games, will be televised this winter.

Games will be streamed live on [www.wtnh.com](http://www.wtnh.com), and replayed on Saturday evenings at 8 p.m. on WCTX/MyTV9.

“Televising the league championship games just adds to the prestige of our league,” SCC commissioner Al Carbone told the *New Haven Register* when the basketball schedule was released in early December. “Televising the football games was a first step, and we were lucky because we had a lot of good games to offer. Continuing with the basketball in my mind solidifies we are pretty good in that sport as well. We have nine different boys’ and girls’ teams scheduled.”



### **WCTX/MyTV 9 High School Basketball Schedule**

Week of Jan. 9 - Hamden at Xavier (boys)

Week of Jan. 16 - Hillhouse at Mercy (girls)

Week of Jan. 30 - Hand at Guilford (girls)

Week of Feb. 13 - Hillhouse at Career (girls)

Week of Feb. 16 - Wilbur Cross at Hillhouse (boys)

Week of Feb. 26 - SCC Girls Basketball Championship @West Haven HS

Week of March 4 - SCC Boys Basketball Championship @East Haven HS

## 2009 SCC Winter Sports Playoff Schedule

### Boys and Girls Indoor Track

Housatonic Division Meet – Monday, Jan. 12 – 4:30 p.m. @NHAC

Quinnipiac Division Meet – Tuesday, Jan. 13 – 4:30 p.m. @NHAC

Oronoque Division Meet – Monday, Jan. 19 – 10 a.m. @NHAC

Housatonic Division Meet – Monday, Jan. 19 – 3:30 p.m. @NHAC

SCC Novice Meet – Wednesday, Jan. 21 – 3:30 p.m. @NHAC

SCC Championship Meet – Friday, Feb. 6 – 4 p.m. @NHAC

Cheerleading – Saturday, Jan. 31 – 9 a.m. @North Haven HS

Unified Basketball – Monday, Feb. 2 – 3 p.m. @NHAC

Gymnastics – Friday, Feb. 6 – 6 p.m. @Jonathan Law HS

Wrestling – Saturday, Feb. 14 – 9 a.m. @East Haven HS

### Girls Basketball

First Round @Higher Seeds – Thursday, Feb. 19 – times TBA

Quarterfinals – Saturday, Feb. 21 – 12, 2, 4 and 6 p.m. @West Haven HS

Semifinals – Tuesday, Feb. 24 – 6 and 7:45 p.m. @West Haven HS

Championship Game – Thursday, Feb. 26 – 7 p.m. @West Haven HS (televised on WCTX/MyTV 9)

### Boys Basketball

First Round @Higher Seeds – Thursday, Feb. 26 – times TBA

Quarterfinals – Saturday, Feb. 28 – 12, 2, 4 and 6 p.m. @East Haven HS

Semifinals – Monday, March 2 – 6 and 7:45 p.m. @East Haven HS

Championship Game – Wednesday, March 4 – 7 p.m. @East Haven HS (televised on WCTX/MyTV 9)

### Boys Swimming

Trials – Monday, March 2 – 4 p.m. @Cheshire Community Pool

Diving – Tuesday, March 3 – 5:30 p.m. @Hamden HS

SCC Championships – Wednesday, March 4 – 6 p.m. – @Kiputh Pool - Yale University

### Ice Hockey - Division II

Semifinals – Friday, March 6 – 5:30 and 8 p.m. @Northford Ice Pavilion

Championship Game – Saturday, March 7 – 7 p.m. @Northford Ice Pavilion

## Kalbian a Wendy's Heisman Finalist

Irene Kalbian, a three-sport standout who ranks seventh in her class at Cheshire High School, was one of two Connecticut students among the 12 “national” finalists (out of 34,000 potential candidates) for the Wendy’s High School Heisman Award.

The WSHS recognizes the nation’s most esteemed high school senior men and women for excellence in academics, athletics, and community/school leadership. For more information, go to [www.wendysheisman.com](http://www.wendysheisman.com).