



Southern Connecticut Conference

Winter Sports Notebook

Winter 2020-2021, Edition 3
(February 22-28, 2021)

Welcome to the third notebook of the Winter 2020-2021 sports season. Like our Fall Notebook series, our goal with this weekly communication is to highlight some of the best individual and team performances from each of the sports being played this winter - *boys basketball, girls basketball, boys hockey, girls hockey, gymnastics, and swimming*.

This edition includes contests from Monday, February 22, 2021, through Saturday, February 27, 2021. The goal will be to publish this notebook each Tuesday through the league playoffs in late March. The top five performances of the week are highlighted at the end of the column.



SCC WINTER STANDINGS UPDATED

Standings for the following winter sports have been updated and posted on the SCC website.

In boys basketball...

East Division - 1. Xavier 4-0 2. Lyman Hall 5-1
West Division - 1. ND 4-0 2. WH 2-0

In girls basketball...

East Division - 1. Sheehan 6-0 2. Mercy 5-1
West Division - T1 Amity 6-0 and SHA 6-0

In boys hockey...

Division 1 - 1. Fairfield Prep 4-0 2. Xavier 2-0
Division 2 - 1. North Haven 4-0 2. Lyman Hall 5-1
Division 3 - 1. BBD Coop - 5-0 2. Milford Coop 2-1

In girls hockey...

Division 1 - 1. West Haven/SHA Coop 5-0 2. Guilford 4-1

In boys swimming...

Division 1 - 1. Greater New Haven Coop 4-0 2. Cheshire 2-0
Division 2 - 1. Hamden 6-0 2. Foran/Jon Law 4-1

Click here to see the full standings from each sport - [2020-2021 SCC Winter Sports Standings!](#)

Best Performances

Boys Basketball

- Branford's Jake Palluzzi had himself quite the week as well. The freshman had a trio of three-pointers tallying 18 points in a 67-47 win over North Haven on Wednesday, February 24, 2021. He also had 17 against Cheshire and 14 against Guilford as the Hornets swept the week.;
- Sheehan's Kyron Coviello and Jack McDonnell led the way in a 57-52 road win at East Haven on Wednesday, February 24, 2021. They scored 23 and 22 points respectively as they combined for 45 of the Titans 57 points.;
- Career has a freshman to reckon with by the name of Thomas Glover. He scored 25 points in a 72-48 loss at Law on Friday, February 26, 2021.

TOP FIVE RANKING ALERT: Lyman Hall's Tyler Voisine is highlighted in the Top Five Performances section at the bottom.

Girls Basketball

- Wilbur Cross' Jaylice Rosario has been consistent all year, including this week as she scored 23 points in each game, wins over Foran and Shelton.;
- Branford's Lauren Thompson had 17 points in a 51-40 win over Guilford on Monday, February 22, 2021, and followed that up by making four three-pointers in a 20-point night in a 49-36 loss to North Haven on Friday, February 26, 2021.;
- Guilford's Faith O'Donnell scored 40 points in a pair of Grizzlies losses last week. This was highlighted by 24 points, including four three-pointers, in a 43-38 loss to Lyman Hall on Wednesday, February 24, 2021.

TOP FIVE RANKING ALERT: SHA's Rosa Rizzitelli is highlighted in the Top Five Performances section at the bottom.

Girls Gymnastics

- Jonathan Law senior gymnastics captain Catherine Burns earned her 1,000th-career point during the virtual meet held on Thursday, February 25, 2021. She placed first in three categories -vault, bar, and floor which led to her claiming the all-around leader for this meet. Catherine is the 20th 1000 point gymnast in Jonathan Law history.;
- Ella Esposito from Guilford was able to participate in a meet between Hand and Mercy on Friday, February 26, 2021. She took home third-place performances in the vault, bars, and beam.

TOP FIVE RANKING ALERT: Mercy's Tallulah Malz is highlighted in the Top Five Performances section at the bottom.

Boys Hockey

- Branford's Danny Farricielli notched two goals and two assists as the Hornets beat rivals North Branford 7-3 on February 23, 2021.;
- Hamden's Jesse Fracasso had two goals and an assist in a tough 5-4 loss to Immaculate on February 25, 2021.;
- Kevin Stoddard had two goals to help lead Lyman Hall to a 3-2 win over city rival Sheehan on Saturday, February 27, 2021.

TOP FIVE RANKING ALERT: Lyman Hall goalie Brendan Reddingtron is highlighted in the Top Five Performances section at the bottom.

Girls Hockey

- Maya Bohan from the WH/SHA Coop team had a goal and two assists in a 5-3 win over Guilford on Monday, February 24, 2021. Both teams had entered the game unbeaten.;
- Avery Dayton recorded a hat trick as the Masuk-Barlow-Newtown-Lauralton-Shelton Coop team beat Hamden 5-1 on Thursday, February 25, 2021.;
- The goalies were the story of the game between Notre Dame (Fairfield)-Law-Foran-Weston-Pomperaug and the Coop team of Amity-North Haven-Cheshire. Bethany Karp and Ginny Currello made 36 and 39 saves respectively.

Boys Swimming

- Two stars shined in a meet between Hamden and Shelton on Thursday, February 25, 2021. Hamden's Nick Bennett won three events, while Shelton's Carson Rhodes and Korey Barber won four events for the Gaels. Hamden won the virtual meet 98-70.;
- Xavier defeated Cheshire 93-77 in a virtual meet on Friday, February 26, 2021. The Falcons were led by Noah San Vicente and Mitchell Wollen, both of whom won three events.

TOP FIVE RANKING ALERT: Cheshire's Justin Finkel is highlighted in the Top Five Performances section at the bottom.



Each week we will highlight five performances that stood out above the rest.
We will count them down from five to one.

Number 5
Lyman Hall's Tyler Voisine



Tyler Voisine tallied 57 points for the Lyman Hall boys basketball team as they won two of their three games this week. This included a 24-point outburst in a 49-37 win over Foran on Saturday, February 27, 2021.

Number 4
SHA's Rosa Rizzitelli



SHA's Rosa Rizzitelli helped the Sharks to a 3-0 week, highlighted by a 25-point night in a 63-30 win over Foran on Monday, February 24, 2021. She also had 14 points and 17 rebounds in a 56-34 win over West Haven.

Number 3
Lyman Hall's Brendan Reddington



Brendan Reddington made only 20 saves, some of the spectacular variety, to lead the Lyman Hall boys hockey team to a 3-2 win over city rival Sheehan. Reddington's performance was impressive because the Titans entered the game undefeated and had scored 33 goals in its first five games (6.6 goals per game).

Number 2
Cheshire's Justin Finkel



Justin Finkel helped lead the Cheshire boys swim team to a narrow win over Greater New Haven Coop team 93.5-92.5 in a virtual meet on Friday, February 27, 2021. Finkel won three events, including the 200 freestyle, 500 freestyle, and 200 medley relay events.

Number 1
Mercy's Tallulah Malz

If you think a one-point swim victory is a close outcome, how about a 0.25 girls gymnastics win. Hand did just that in a virtual meet with Mercy, despite the heroics of Mercy's Tallulah Malz. She won the vault and bars outright, while tying for first in the floor exercise. Her scores allowed her to score 34.05 points to take the all-around crown.

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