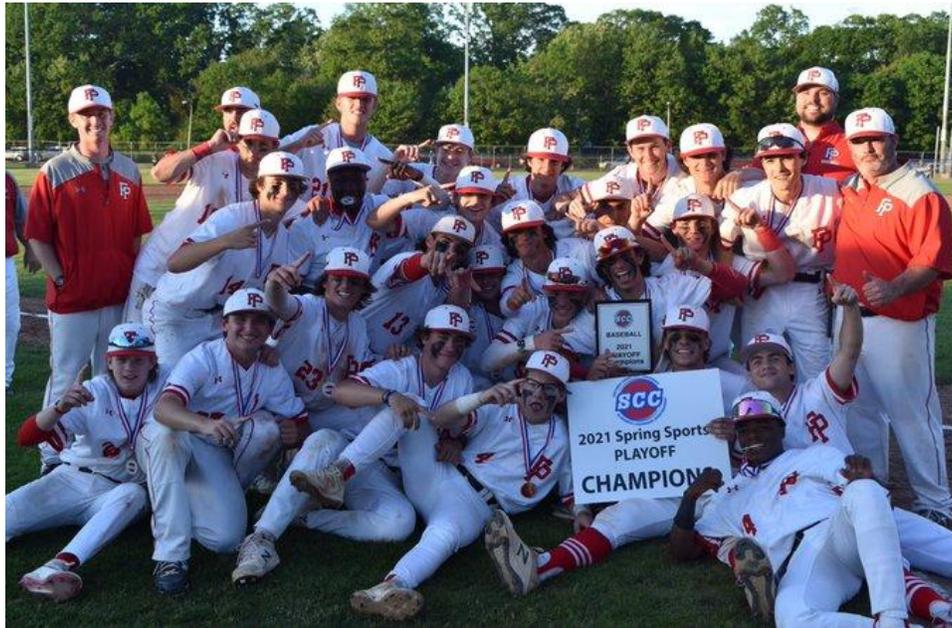


## Jesuits Ride Jack Bowery Pitching Gem and Hot Hitting to SCC Title

West Haven, CT - The Fairfield Prep baseball team used some clutch hitting and the right arm of Jack Bowery to claim its second SCC baseball crown in three seasons by virtue of their 8-3 win over West Haven on May 27, 2021.



The Jesuits, who last won the title in 2018 over Hand, scored three runs over the first three innings to take control of the game, all while Bowery was doing his job and keeping the Blue Devils off the scoreboard.

Matt Sawyer's infield single allowed Fairfield Prep to take a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first inning before the Jesuits tacked on two runs courtesy of a bases-loaded walk and sacrifice fly in the bottom of the third inning.

The Blue Devils pulled within a run, plating two runs in the top of the fourth inning. Tyler Jones and Gianni Gambardella singled and later scored on a groundout and single.

However, the Jesuits scored in each of their last three at bats to increase the lead. The big blow was a bases-clearing triple from Andrew Strazza in the fifth inning. That gave the Jesuits a 7-2 lead and some comfort heading to the final two frames.

Bowery got his fourth win of the year with a solid five-inning effort. He allowed two runs on three hits, while striking out five and not allowing a free pass.

"I thought the big thing was to get through the first inning without giving up a run," Bowery told GameTimeCt.com. "I thought that was big. Then, it was let the offense do its thing. We put up numbers and we were able to do that. I had great defense behind me tonight. It is a team effort."

Fairfield Prep improved to 18-3, while the Westies fell to 16-5. The two teams could meet again in the quarterfinals of the CIAC Class LL state tournament with a pair of first-round wins.

### **COACH'S QUOTE**

"This is one of the things we worked for," Fairfield Prep coach Rudy Mauritz told GameTimeCT.com after his team improved to 18-3. "You compete in this league and everyone wants to be here. It is really competitive. It is something you have to get after. It is great to do this with this group."

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W: Dylan Supan (L, 4-2), Dan Izzo (7) and Anthony Rubin; F: Jack Bowery (W, 4-2), Alex Lanzilotti (6), Graydon Golier (6) and Jack Arcamone

3B: (F) James Aselta and Jacob Strazza

**Records:** WH 16-5; FP 18-3.