

# SCC IN THE STATE FOOTBALL PLAYOFFS



## SCC FOOTBALL PLAYOFF FACTS

Teams from the Southern Connecticut Conference have traditionally excelled in state playoff competition. Since the league was formed in 1994, SCC team have won 35 state football championships.

- Ten different teams have won a state title since 1994, led by Daniel Hand's nine championships (1997, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2011, 2012, 2017, 2018 and 2023). Cheshire, Hillhouse and Xavier have each won five titles.
- Sixteen different teams have qualified for the state playoffs since 1994. Daniel Hand also has the most playoff appearances (12). The longest playoff streak is held by Shelton (5 straight years - 2014-2018). Cheshire (1994-97) and Daniel Hand (2010-13) each had four-year playoff streaks.
- Since 2005, the SCC has won two or more state championships seven times (2005, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2022 and 2023), including a state-record three (Class LL, L and M) in 2012.
- There have been three All-SCC matchups in state football finals -- Cheshire defeated Hamden, 16-14, in the 1996 Class LL final; Daniel Hand bested Hillhouse, 35-0, in the 2005 Class M championship game; and Xavier defeated Shelton, 28-27, in overtime in the 2014 Class LL Small title game.

| SCHOOL         | QF           | SF           | CHAMP GM     | TOTAL               | STATE TITLES WON                                     |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|--|
| Daniel Hand    | 7-2          | 11-1         | 9-2          | 27-5                | 1997, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2011, 2012, 2017, 2018, 2023 |
| Cheshire       | 1-2          | 5-1          | 5-1          | 11-4                | 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 2009                         |
| Xavier         | 3-0          | 5-2          | 5-0          | 13-2                | 2005, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2014                         |
| Hillhouse      | 3-0          | 6-1          | 5-1          | 14-2                | 2002, 2006, 2010, 2012, 2016                         |
| Shelton        | 4-3          | 5-4          | 3-2          | 12-9                | 1995, 2000, 2003                                     |
| Notre Dame     | 3-1          | 4-2          | 3-1          | 10-4                | 2001, 2009, 2022                                     |
| North Haven    | 4-4          | 3-3          | 2-1          | 9-8                 | 2022, 2023   |
| Sheehan        | 3-1          | 2-2          | 1-0          | 5-4                 | 2019   |
| Branford       | 1-1          | 2-2          | 1-1          | 4-3                 | 2005   |
| West Haven     | 3-5          | 3-6          | 1-2          | 7-13                | 2003   |
| Fairfield Prep | 4-2          | 3-3          | 0-3          | 7-8                 |  |
| Hamden         | 0-2          | 1-2          | 0-1          | 1-5                 |  |
| Lyman Hall     | 0-1          | 0-0          | 0-0          | 0-1                 |  |
| Jonathan Law   | 1-1          | 0-1          | 0-0          | 1-2                 |  |
| Amity Regional | 0-0          | 0-2          | 0-0          | 0-2                 |  |
| Foran          | 0-1          | 0-0          | 0-0          | 0-1                 |  |
| <b>TOTALS</b>  | <b>42-26</b> | <b>50-33</b> | <b>35-15</b> | <b>127-72, .638</b> |  |

| SCHOOL               | STATE PLAYOFF APPEARANCES  |
|----------------------|--|
| Daniel Hand (16)     | 2023 (M), 2021 (L), 2019 (L), 2018 (L), 2017 (L), 2013 (L), 2012 (L), 2011 (L), 2010 (L), 2007 (L), 2005 (M), 2004 (M), 2003 (M), 2001 (M), 1997 (L), 1994 (M) |
| West Haven (14)      | 2023 (LL), 2022 (LL), 2017 (LL), 2016 (LL), 2015 (LL), 2013 (LL), 2012 (LL), 2010 (LL), 2006 (LL), 2005 (LL), 2003 (LL), 2002 (LL), 2001 (L), 1997 (LL)        |
| Shelton (13)         | 2023 (L), 2022 (L), 2021 (LL), 2018 (LL), 2017 (LL), 2016 (LL), 2015 (LL), 2014 (LL), 2007 (LL), 2006 (LL), 2003 (L), 2000 (LL), 1995 (LL)                     |
| North Haven (10)     | 2023 (MM), 2022 (MM), 2018 (L), 2017 (L), 2015 (L), 2014 (L), 2013 (L), 2011 (L), 2010 (L), 2007 (L)   |
| Cheshire (9)         | 2023 (MM), 2022 (L), 2019 (LL), 2009 (LL), 2008 (LL), 1997 (LL), 1996 (LL), 1995 (L), 1994 (L)   |
| Fairfield Prep (8)   | 2023 (LL), 2022 (LL), 2021 (LL), 2018 (LL), 2017 (LL), 2013 (LL), 2006 (LL), 1999 (LL)   |
| Xavier (7)           | 2014 (LL), 2012 (LL), 2011 (LL), <b>2010 (LL), 2009 (LL), 2005 (LL), 2000 (LL)</b>   |
| <b>Hillhouse (7)</b> | <b>2016 (M), 2012 (M), 2010 (M)</b> , 2008 (MM), 2006 (M), 2005 (M), 2002 (SS)   |
| Notre Dame (7)       | 2022 (M), 2016 (L), 2015 (L), 2014 (L), 2011 (L), 2009 (L), 2001 (L)   |
| Hamden (5)           | 2022 (LL), 2021 (LL), 2008 (LL), 1998 (LL), 1996 (LL)  |
| Sheehan (5)          | 2023 (SS), 2019 (S), 2018 (M), 2017 (M), 1995 (S)  |
| Branford (4)         | 2022 (M), 2021 (M), 2005 (MM), 2004 (MM)   |
| Jonathan Law (2)     | 2022 (M), 2017 (M)   |
| Amity Regional (2)   | 2002 (L), 1997 (LL)  |
| Lyman Hall (1)       | 2010 (M)   |

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## 2023 (2)

7 teams qualified (West Haven-LL, Fairfield Prep-LL, Shelton-L, Cheshire-MM, North Haven-MM, Daniel Hand-M, Sheehan-SS)

Class LL Quarterfinals: West Haven 28, New Britain 14  
Class LL Quarterfinals: Staples 13, Fairfield Prep 12  
Class LL Semifinals: West Haven 26, Greenwich 13  
Class LL Championship: Staples 21, West Haven 20  
Class L Quarterfinals: Newtown 29, Shelton 28  
Class MM Quarterfinals: North Haven 41, Fitch 22  
Class MM Quarterfinals: Masuk 42, Cheshire 21  
Class MM Semifinals: North Haven 21, Windsor 0  
Class MM Championship: North Haven 21, Wilton 0  
Class M Quarterfinals: Daniel Hand 29, St. Joseph 14  
Class M Semifinals: Daniel Hand 48, ATI co-op 0  
Class M Championship: Daniel Hand 57, Rockville 20  
Class SS Quarterfinals: Sheehan 33, Windham 0  
Class SS Semifinals: Joel Barlow 17, Sheehan 16

## 2022 (2)

10 teams qualified (West Haven-LL, Fairfield Prep-LL, Hamden-LL, Shelton-L, Cheshire-L, North Haven-MM, Notre Dame-M, Jonathan Law-M, Branford-M, Foran-S)

Class LL Quarterfinals: Glastonbury 17, at West Haven 7  
Class LL Quarterfinals: Fairfield Prep 23, at Staples 22  
Class LL Quarterfinals: at Greenwich 47, Hamden 7  
Class LL Semifinals: at Fairfield Prep 42, Trumbull 19  
Class LL Championship Game: Greenwich 37, Fairfield Prep 17  
Class L Quarterfinals: Shelton 21, at Newtown 20  
Class L Quarterfinals: Cheshire 24, at St. Joseph 14  
Class L Semifinals: at Maloney 28, Shelton 14  
Class L Semifinals: at New Canaan 23, Cheshire 13  
Class MM Quarterfinals: North Haven 50, at Thames River co-op 0  
Class MM Semifinals: at North Haven 14, Wilton 7  
Class MM Championship Game: North Haven 51, Killingly 34  
Class M Quarterfinals: at Notre Dame 42, Hartford Public 0  
Class M Quarterfinals: at Jonathan Law 42, RHAM 13  
Class M Quarterfinals: at Berlin 35, Branford 25  
Class M Semifinals: at Notre Dame 28, Jonathan Law 14  
Class M Championship Game: Notre Dame 35, Berlin 8  
Class SS Quarterfinals: Valley Regional/Old Lyme co-op 26, at Foran 13

## 2021 (0)

5 teams qualified (Fairfield Prep-LL, Shelton-LL, Hamden-LL, Daniel Hand-L, Branford-M)

Class LL championship: Darien 42, Fairfield Prep 7  
Class LL Semifinals: Fairfield Prep 24, Shelton 3  
Class M Semifinals: Killingly 13, Branford 12  
Class LL Quarterfinals: Fairfield Prep 21, Greenwich 14  
Class LL Quarterfinals: Shelton 42, Hall 28  
Class LL Quarterfinals: Darien 46, Hamden 19  
Class L Quarterfinals: St. Joseph 21, Daniel Hand 20 (OT)  
Class M Quarterfinals: Branford 7, Avon 6



North Haven won the Class MM State Title in 2022 - defeating Killingly, 51-34 (Bill O'Brien photo).

## 2019 (1)

3 teams qualified (Cheshire-LL, Daniel Hand-L, Sheehan-S)

Class S Championship - Sheehan 64, Bloomfield 33  
Class L Championship - St. Joseph 17, Daniel Hand 13  
Class L Semifinals - Daniel Hand 42, Maloney 0  
Class S Semifinals - Sheehan 30, at Ansonia 22  
Class LL Quarterfinals - at Simsbury 17, Cheshire 14  
Class L Quarterfinals - at Daniel Hand 52, Newington 0  
Class S Quarterfinals - at Sheehan 51, Woodland 0

## 2018 (1)

5 teams qualified (Shelton-LL, Fairfield Prep-LL, Daniel Hand-L, North Haven-L, Sheehan-M)

Class L Championship: Daniel Hand 54, Maloney 14  
Class LL Semifinals: New Canaan 38, Fairfield Prep 7  
Class L Semifinals: Daniel Hand 49, Windsor 7  
Class M Semifinals: Berlin 34, Sheehan 22  
Class LL Quarterfinals: New Canaan 42, Shelton 34  
Class LL Quarterfinals: Fairfield Prep 28, Southington 21  
Class L Quarterfinals: Daniel Hand 56, Bunnell 0  
Class L Quarterfinals: Windsor 34, North Haven 14  
Class M Quarterfinals: Sheehan 43, Wolcott 20

## 2017 (1)

6 teams qualified (Shelton-LL, West Haven-LL, Daniel Hand-L, North Haven-L, Sheehan-M, Jonathan Law-M)

Class L Championship: Daniel Hand 35, Masuk 21  
Class L Semifinals: at Daniel Hand 31, Windsor 6  
Class L Quarterfinals: #2 Daniel Hand 35, #7 North Haven 13  
Class LL Semifinals: at Darien 27, West Haven 13  
Class LL Quarterfinals: #7 West Haven 46, at #2 Shelton 7  
Class LL Quarterfinals: at #1 Greenwich 27, Fairfield Prep 6  
Class M Quarterfinals: #6 Joel Barlow 47, #3 Sheehan 34  
Class M Quarterfinals: at #1 Killingly 57, #8 Jonathan Law 21

## 2016 (1)

4 teams qualified (Shelton-LL, West Haven-LL, Notre Dame-L,

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Hillhouse-M)

Class L Quarterfinals: #6 Notre Dame 44, #3 New London 7  
Class M Quarterfinals: #2 Hillhouse 27, #7 New Fairfield 14  
Class LL Quarterfinals: #6 Shelton 55, #3 Newtown 21  
Class LL Quarterfinals: #7 Ridgefield 28, #2 West Haven 21  
Class LL Semifinals: Ridgefield 44, Shelton 41  
Class L Semifinals: at New Canaan 20, Notre Dame 17  
Class M Semifinals: at Hillhouse 49, Killingly 28  
Class M Finals: Hillhouse 42, St. Joseph 21

## **2015 (0)**

*4 teams qualified (Shelton-LL, West Haven-LL, Notre Dame-L, North Haven-L)*

Class LL Quarterfinals - Shelton 40, West Haven 20  
Class LL Semifinals - Shelton 35, Newtown 28  
Class LL Championship - Darien 39, Shelton 7  
Class L Quarterfinals - North Haven 48, Middletown 13  
Class L Quarterfinals - Notre Dame 34, Harding 0  
Class L Semifinals - North Haven 21, Wethersfield 14  
Class L Semifinals - New Canaan 51, Notre Dame 27  
Class L Championship - New Canaan 42, North Haven 35

## **2014 (1)**

*4 teams qualified (Xavier-LL Small, Shelton-LL Small, Notre Dame-L Small, North Haven-L Small)*

Class LL Small Semifinals - Xavier 13, Newtown 7  
Class LL Small Semifinals - Shelton 42, Hall 14  
Class L Small Semifinals - Notre Dame 13, Middletown 10  
Class L Small Semifinals - Windsor 22, North Haven 6  
Class LL Small Championship - Xavier 28, Shelton 27 (OT)  
Class L Small Championship - Windsor 38, Notre Dame 16

## **2013 (0)**

*4 teams qualified (Fairfield Prep-LL, West Haven-LL, Daniel Hand-L, North Haven-L)*

Class LL Quarterfinals - Fairfield Prep 33, Glastonbury 23  
Class LL Quarterfinals - West Haven 51, Hall 26  
Class LL Semifinals - Fairfield Prep 29, West Haven 28  
Class LL Finals - Southington 52, Fairfield Prep 34  
Class L Quarterfinals - Darien 31, Daniel Hand 29  
Class L Quarterfinals - North Haven 35, Platt 0  
Class L Semifinals - New Canaan 17, North Haven 0

## **2012 (3) – STATE RECORD!**

*4 teams qualified (Xavier-LL, West Haven-LL, Daniel Hand-L, Hillhouse-M)*

Class M Quarterfinals - Hillhouse 34, St. Joseph 14  
Class L Quarterfinals - Hand 55, Platt 26  
Class LL Quarterfinals - Staples 42, West Haven 20  
Class LL Quarterfinals - Xavier 55, Greenwich 14  
Class M Semifinals - Hillhouse 48, Montville 26  
Class L Semifinals - Hand 42, Masuk 23  
Class LL Semifinals - Xavier 30, Glastonbury 13  
Class M Finals - Hillhouse 34, Berlin 12  
Class L Finals - Hand 23, Windsor 6  
Class LL Finals - Xavier 48, Norwich Free Academy 14

## **2011 (2)**

*4 teams qualified (Xavier-LL, Daniel Hand-L, Notre Dame-L, North Haven-L)*

Class L Quarterfinals - Windsor 14, Notre Dame 7  
Class L Quarterfinals - Masuk 28, North Haven 14  
Class L Quarterfinals - Hand 35, Coventry/Windham Tech 12  
Class LL Quarterfinals - Xavier 34, Glastonbury 6  
Class L Semifinals - Hand 35, Masuk 14  
Class LL Semifinals - Xavier 55, Norwalk 14  
Class L Finals - Hand 34, New Canaan 10  
Class LL Finals - Xavier 42, Staples 7

## **2010 (2)**

*6 teams qualified (Xavier-LL, West Haven-LL, Daniel Hand-L, North Haven-L; Hillhouse-M, Lyman Hall-M)*

Class M Quarterfinals - Hillhouse 33, Berlin 30  
Class M Quarterfinals - Brookfield 50, Lyman Hall 21  
Class M Semifinals - Hillhouse 42, Gilbert/NW Regional 14  
Class M Finals - Hillhouse 7, New London 0  
Class L Quarterfinals - Hand 19, North Haven 7  
Class L Semifinals - New Canaan 39, Hand 21  
Class LL Quarterfinals - Xavier 28, West Haven 7  
Class LL Semifinals - Xavier 24, Glastonbury 13  
Class LL Finals - Xavier 24, Trumbull 13

## **2009 (2)**

*3 teams qualified (Cheshire-LL, Xavier-LL, Notre Dame-L)*

Class L Semifinals - Notre Dame 42, Conard 14  
Class L Finals - Notre Dame 28, Pomperaug 21  
Class LL Semifinals - Staples 31, Xavier 28  
Class LL Semifinals - Cheshire 20, Glastonbury 6  
Class LL Finals - Cheshire 28, Staples 21 (OT)

## **2008 (0)**

*4 teams qualified (Cheshire-LL, Hamden-LL, Hillhouse-MM)*

Class MM Semifinals - Darien 35, Hillhouse 32  
Class LL Semifinals - Cheshire 28, Hamden 21  
Class LL Finals - Glastonbury 28, Cheshire 14

## **2007 (0)**

*3 teams qualified (Shelton-LL, Daniel Hand-L, North Haven-L)*

Class MM Semifinals - Hand 35, North Haven 7  
Class MM Finals - New Canaan 34, Hand 30  
Class LL Semifinals - Shelton 21, Southington 19  
Class LL Finals - Greenwich 28, Shelton 14

## **2006 (1)**

*4 teams qualified (Fairfield Prep-LL; Shelton-LL; West Haven-L, Hillhouse-M)*

Class M Semifinals - Hillhouse 40, St. Bernard's/Norwich Tech 0  
Class M Finals - Hillhouse 28, Windham 6  
Class LL Semifinals - Southington 36, Shelton 9

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Class LL Semifinals - Greenwich 34, Fairfield Prep 0  
Class L Semifinals - Staples 24, West Haven 7

## **2005 (3)**

*5 teams qualified (Xavier-LL; West Haven-L, Branford-MM; Hillhouse-M, Daniel Hand-M)*

Class LL Semifinals - Xavier 20, Trumbull 7  
Class LL Semifinals- Southington 30, West Haven 24  
Class LL Finals - Xavier 45, Southington 30  
Class MM Semifinals - Branford 13, Coventry 12  
Class MM Finals - Branford 14, East Lyme 7  
Class M Semifinals - Hillhouse 13, Berlin 12  
Class M Semifinals - Hand 35, Windham 14  
Class M Finals - Hand 34, Hillhouse 0

## **2004 (1)**

*2 teams qualified (Branford-MM; Daniel Hand-M)*

Class MM Semifinals - Branford 56, Platt-Meriden 14  
Class MM Finals - Pomperaug 30, Branford 7  
Class M Semifinals - Hand 41, Berlin 14  
Class M Finals - Hand 35, Brookfield 6

## **2003 (2)**

*3 teams qualified (West Haven-LL, Shelton-L; Daniel Hand-M)*

Class LL Semifinals - West Haven 18, Danbury 13  
Class L Semifinals - Shelton 35, East Catholic 14  
Class M Semifinals - Hand 42, Pomperaug 15  
Class L Finals - Shelton 35, Staples 18  
Class M Finals - Hand 28, Ledyard 0  
Class LL Finals - New Britain 13, West Haven 0

## **2002 (2)**

*3 teams qualified (West Haven-LL, Amity Regional-L, Hillhouse-SS)*

Class LL Semifinals - West Haven 47, NFA 26  
Class LL Finals - West Haven 20, Greenwich 13  
Class L Semifinals - Ridgefield 16, Amity Regional 15  
Class SS Semifinals - Hillhouse 40, Stonington 13  
Class SS Finals - Hillhouse 29, Montville 6

## **2001 (1)**

*2 teams qualified (West Haven-L, Notre Dame-L; Daniel Hand-M)*

Class L Semifinals - New Britain 20, West Haven 15  
Class L Semifinals - Notre Dame-WH 20, Pomperaug 16  
Class L Finals - Notre Dame-WH 35, Fitch 15

## **2000 (1)**

*2 teams qualified (Shelton-LL; Xavier-LL)*

Class LL Semifinals - Shelton 29, New Britain 27  
Class LL Semifinals - Greenwich 24, Xavier 0  
Class LL Finals - Shelton 22, Greenwich 8

## **1999 (0)**

*1 team qualified (Fairfield Prep-LL)*

Class LL Semifinals - Greenwich 35, Fairfield Prep 14

## **1998 (0)**

*1 team qualified (Hamden-LL)*

Class LL Semifinals - NFA 28, Hamden 21

## **1997 (2)**

*4 teams qualified (Amity Regional-LL; Cheshire-LL; West Haven-LL; Daniel Hand-L)*

Class LL Semifinals - Trumbull 33, Amity Regional 14  
Class LL Semifinals - Cheshire 25, West Haven 21  
Class L Semifinals - Daniel Hand 31, Newtown 6  
Class LL Finals - Cheshire 34, Trumbull 12  
Class L Finals - Daniel Hand 14, Staples 7

## **1996 (1)**

*2 teams qualified (Cheshire-LL; Hamden-LL)*

Class LL Semifinals - Cheshire 21, Greenwich 8  
Class LL Semifinals - Hamden 34, Danbury 0  
Class LL Finals - Cheshire 16, Hamden 14

## **1995 (2)**

*3 teams qualified (Shelton-LL; Cheshire-L; Sheehan-S)*

Class LL Semifinals - Shelton 17, New Britain 7  
Class LL Finals - Shelton 14, Trumbull 7  
Class L Semifinals - Cheshire 35, Weaver 0  
Class L Finals - Cheshire 28, Rockville 0  
Class S Semifinals - Ansonia 16, Sheehan 6

## **1994 (1)**

*2 teams qualified (Cheshire-L; Daniel Hand-M)*

Class L Finals - Cheshire 45, Simsbury 27  
Class M Finals - Foran 28, Daniel Hand 24