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2008 SCC Softball Playoff Notes

- The 2008 SCC softball playoffs start Tuesday, May 20 with quarterfinal games at the four higher seeds.
 - #8 Sacred Heart Academy at #1 Cheshire
 - #5 Guilford at #4 Jonathan Law
 - #7 Mercy at #2 North Haven
 - #6 Hamden at #3 Amity
- The SCC semifinals (Wednesday, May 21 – 4 and 7 p.m.) and championship game (Thursday, May 22 – 7 p.m.) will be played at Biondi Field on the campus of West Haven High School for the sixth straight year.
 - The SCC softball semifinals and championship game will be broadcast on www.sportingnewsct.com.
- This is the third year of the eight-team format – four divisional winners and four wild cards.
- Cheshire was the Housatonic Division champion (7-1), while Jonathan Law (7-1) won the Hammonasset Division. North Haven (10-0) and Mercy (5-1) were the Oronoque and Quinnipiac Division champions respectively.
- Top-seeded Cheshire, last year's SCC runner-up, is making its third straight and sixth overall playoff appearance. The Rams won the SCC title in 2002.
- North Haven, the second seed, is making its third straight and fourth overall playoff appearance. The Indians are looking for their first playoff victory (0-3).
- Third-seeded Amity is making its league-best 11th playoff appearance and seventh in a row (2002-present). The Spartans have won a league-best four SCC titles (1996, 1997, 2000 and 2004). Amity has also shared two championships (2003 and 2005).
- Fourth-seeded Jonathan Law is making its second straight playoff appearance and second overall.
- Fifth-seeded Guilford is making its second straight and fourth overall playoff appearance. The Indians are also looking for their first SCC playoff victory (0-3).
- Sixth-seeded Hamden returns to the SCC tournament for the first time (and third overall) since 1999... The Green Dragons made championship game appearances in both 1998 and 1999, winning the title in 1998.
- Two-time defending SCC champion Mercy is the seventh seed and is making its fourth straight and fifth overall appearance. The Tigers defeated Cheshire, 1-0, in the 2007 title after defeating Amity, 4-1, in the 2006 final. Mercy has a seven-game SCC playoff winning streak entering the 2008 playoffs.
- Eighth-seeded Sacred Heart Academy returns to the SCC playoffs for the first time since 2003. The Pacers are making their fourth overall appearance. SHA reached the championship game in 1997.

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