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From the Commissioner's Desk

2006-07 has been another fine year for the best conference in the state. There are many things to be proud of – and many fit nicely with the core ideals – academics, sportsmanship and leadership - this conference was founded on back in 1994.

Many thanks to our various administrators (principals, assistant principals, athletic directors) from our member schools whose enthusiasm and vision help drive this league. Your ideas, interest and support are always appreciated!

Special thanks to Rosemary Duthie (Sheehan HS) who served as the league's President in 2006-07 and did a fabulous job! Also, many thanks to Betsy Gilmartin (Mercy HS) who served as the league's Athletic Director Chairperson.

For the last 13 years, Bob Harris (Fairfield Prep) served as the league's Treasurer. Bob has decided to step down and Steve Trifone (Cheshire HS) will assume the role. Many thanks to Bob for his tireless work!

Lastly, many thanks to Mike Kobylanski for his assistance as the league's administrative intern.

I am pleased to welcome Judy Gallagher (Cheshire HS) as the league's President for 2007-08, and Mike Cummings (Foran HS), who will be Vice-President. In addition, Elaine Piazza (Lyman Hall HS) will serve as the Athletic Director Chairperson.

Best wishes for restful summer!

Al Carbone

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To continue to offer top-notch programs and events, the Southern Connecticut Conference relies on financial support from the local business community.

The SCC had several sponsors for the 2006-07 academic year, including the NewAlliance Foundation, The United Illuminating Company, New Haven Register, the International Union of Operating Engineers - Local 478 and Boathouse Sports.

Their support is well-appreciated!



New Haven Register



SCC Reigns Supreme

*No doubt about top
baseball conference*

By Joe Morelli, New Haven Register, June 12, 2007
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The debate on which conference is best for baseball ended up being a little one-sided.

For the second straight year, the Southern Connecticut Conference won the Class LL and Class L state championships behind the efforts from Amity-Woodbridge and Guilford, respectively. So it should come as no surprise those two teams finished one-two in the final Register Top 10 poll.

Amity made it back-to-back LL crowns to finish in the top spot for the second consecutive year. It's only loss this season was to Guilford in the SCC championship final. The Indians then went on to claim their first state title on Sunday, thanks to Will Jolin's no-hitter.

"Amity's program has risen under (coach) Sal Coppola's leadership and has continued that success," SCC commissioner Al Carbone said.

"What's so impressive is they have kept that level of success the last five years. It's like everyone is waiting for them to have a down year.

"Guilford played a competitive schedule and parlayed winning the SCC championship into a great state tournament run."

All you have to do is look at the SCC numbers: four state championships the last two years and nine in this decade overall. The next-closest conference is widely

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SCC/SportsCenter of Connecticut "Scholar Athlete of the Month" Program A Success

The SCC/SportsCenter of Connecticut Scholar Athlete of the Month program recognized a total of 133 outstanding young men and women during the 2006-07 academic year. Recipients were selected by their school's athletic directors and coaching staffs, and received a certificate, commemorative tee-shirt and a SportsCenter activity pass.

"Many thanks to the SportsCenter of Connecticut for their keen interest in recognizing some exceptional scholar-athletes who truly embodied the best of the words – student and athlete," SCC Commissioner Al Carbone said.

For complete bios of each recipient, go to www.southernconnecticutconference.org



SEPTEMBER 2006: Kayla Naposki (Foran), Adam Zona (Foran), Christina Dias (Shelton), Timothy Pleines (Shelton), Ashley Driscoll, Amanda Varricchio (Mercy), Kate Yanagisawa (Amity), Daniel Rothberg (Amity), Anthony Amaya (Career), Deandra Sheppard-Myers (Career), Jaclyn Milici (Branford), Michael D'Amico (Branford), Megan Hochstrasser (Hamden), Matt Marcus (Hamden)

OCTOBER 2006: Justin Sagnella (Guilford), Laura Cantley (Guilford), Laura Carroll (Sacred Heart Academy), Emily Bucciferro (Sacred Heart Academy), Kelly Flood (Cheshire), Matthew Labonia (Cheshire), Marvin Batts (Hillhouse), Patricia Bellamy (Hillhouse), Michelle Meoli (East Haven), Nicholas Child (East Haven), Matt Cartoceti (Xavier), Joshua Lesse (Xavier), James Cersonsky (Notre Dame), Nicola D'Amato (Notre Dame), Sonia Gogliettino (Sheehan), Kevin Whalen (Sheehan)

NOVEMBER 2006: Michael Bagnoli (Hand), Brittany Jackson (Hand), Kailee Hyde (Derby), Thomas Izzo (Derby), Brian Wooley (Fairfield Prep), Kevin Lincoln (Fairfield Prep), Marc Gosselin (Jonathan Law), Cori Hannon (Jonathan Law), Ismail Orabi (Lyman Hall), Megan Ramsey (Lyman Hall), Matt Capozziello (North Haven), Rachel Hurwitz (North Haven), Orlando DeLarosa (Wilbur Cross), Laura Visochek (Wilbur Cross), Kristen Anderson (West Haven), Michael Bova (West Haven)

DECEMBER 2006: Wendy Liu (Amity), Elliott Morgan (Amity), Trip Fernandes (Branford), Jenn Platt (Branford), Adham Conaway (Career), Melissa Rosemond (Career), Michael Garcia (Foran), Dina Savoca (Foran), Megan Harpe (Hamden), Michael Zilm (Hamden), Haley Goodwill (Mercy), Kathryn Szwaja (Mercy), Melissa Argraves (Shelton), John Kapinski (Shelton)

JANUARY 2007: Taryn Belowsky (Cheshire), David Havlicek (Cheshire), Ashley Martone (East Haven), Louis Paolillo (East Haven), Bryce Brown (Guilford), Jaclyn Daigneault (Guilford), Michael Moore (Hillhouse), Shannon Brackeen (Hillhouse), Anna Kozlowski (Sacred Heart Academy), Ilaria Schiano (Sacred Heart Academy), Michael Goodrich (Sheehan), Jamie Losi (Sheehan), Keith Hosking (Xavier), Darren Taillie (Xavier), Michael Roth (Notre Dame), Kevin Smith (Notre Dame)

FEBRUARY 2007: Pamela Holt (Derby), Stacey Stobierski (Derby), Rachel Hogue (Hand), Ethan Bates (Hand), Lori Pagliano (Jonathan Law), Brian Roach (Jonathan Law), Jeff Baker (Lyman Hall), Karen Grunwald (Lyman Hall), Lauren Bendel (North Haven), Aaron Melendez (North Haven), Megan McGorry (West Haven), Joe Innamorato (West Haven), Tyrell Brock (Wilbur Cross), Ashley Velazquez (Wilbur Cross)

MARCH 2007: Paul Gamble (Amity), Marissa Iassogna (Amity), Austin Dadio (Branford), Danielle Velardi (Branford), Joon Hung Lee (Career), Joon Yeob Lee (Career), Peter Costello (Foran), Kiley

Phelan (Foran), Erin Fox (Hamden), James Sasso (Hamden), Stephanie Paine (Mercy), Victoria Satagaj (Mercy), Alysha Bullock (Shelton), Paden Livingston (Shelton)

APRIL 2007: Benjamin Toucey (Cheshire), Kathleen Brenneman (Cheshire), Jessica Kuen (East Haven), David Chick (East Haven), Amanda Shaw (Guilford), Brett Pantera (Guilford), Terrell Wilks (Hillhouse), Judy James (Hillhouse), Alison Flynn (Lyman Hall), Justin Keogh (Lyman Hall), Ronald Criscuolo (Notre Dame-West Haven), Nicholas Cote (Notre Dame-West Haven), Gillian Allsup (Sacred Heart Academy), Melissa Desole (Sacred Heart Academy), Tim Dize (Sheehan), Amanda Szeligowski (Sheehan), Marco Canetta (Xavier), Chris Darren (Xavier)

MAY 2007: Kerry Flinn (Derby), Christine Smey (Derby), Erik Bergers (Hand), Izzy Santone (Hand), Samantha Hathaway (Jonathan Law), Ryan Hayden (Jonathan Law), Max Leiserson (North Haven), Amanda Sihabout (North Haven), Mandy Hutchinson (West Haven), Frank Morrone (West Haven), Robert Inahuazo (Wilbur Cross)

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considered to be the only other one in the argument. The Eastern Connecticut Conference has six.

Let's break down the numbers even further. The SCC had 16 teams qualify for the state tournament, second only to the Fairfield County Conference with 18. The Central Connecticut Conference had 14, ECC 11 and South-West Conference eight.

The SWC had the best percentage of teams reaching the quarterfinals with five, but the SCC had the most with seven. The ECC had six. and the FCIAC flamed out in the early rounds, losing 15 teams before the quarterfinals. In head-to-head matchups, the SCC beat the FCIAC 4-3, the CCC 5-3, tied the SWC at 2-2, and lost to the ECC 2-0.

"I don't think there is any doubt about it that the best baseball is played in the Southern Connecticut Conference," Guilford coach Pete Civitello said.

Said Amity coach Sal Coppola: "I don't think there are many weak teams. I know, personally, when we could have drawn Shelton in the first round, I was really nervous. We played them in two close games, and one of them went extra innings. I think teams in our league are well-tested. Team knock each other off, almost like the Big East Conference in basketball."

Recapping the Spring Sports Season

SCC sponsored postseason competition in all 10 sports

BASEBALL

Hammonasset: Guilford (7-1)

Housatonic: Amity (8-0)

Oronoque: Branford/North Haven (7-3)

Quinnipiac: Xavier (6-2)

SCC Playoffs: Guilford defeated Amity, 7-1, in the championship game on May 26 at Yale Field.

SOFTBALL

Hammonasset: Hand (8-0)

Housatonic: Amity (8-0)

Oronoque: North Haven (9-1)

Quinnipiac: Mercy (6-0)

SCC Playoffs: Mercy defeated Cheshire, 1-0, in the championship game on May 26 at West Haven HS.

GIRLS OUTDOOR TRACK

Hammonasset: Hand

Housatonic: Amity

Oronoque: East Haven

Quinnipiac: Hamden

SCC Championship (May 23 @Amity HS): 1. Amity, 86; 2. Hillhouse, 69; 3. Hamden 63; 4. Hand, 61; 5. Shelton, 51; 6. Cheshire 48; 7. Sacred Heart Academy, 44; 8. Branford, 42; 9. North Haven, 32; 10. Jonathan Law, 31.33; 11. Career, 28; 12. Wilbur Cross, 27; 12. Mercy, 27; 14. Guilford, 20; 15. East Haven, 19.33; 16. Lyman Hall, 19; 17. Sheehan, 18; 18. West Haven, 12; 19. Foran, 4

BOYS OUTDOOR TRACK

Hammonasset: Hand

Housatonic: Amity

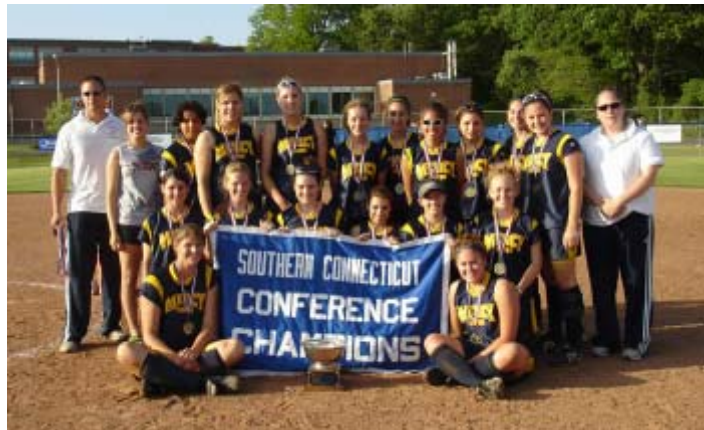
Oronoque: North Haven

Quinnipiac: Xavier

SCC Championship (May 22 @Amity HS): 1. Amity, 100.50; 2. Xavier, 97.50; 3. Hamden, 73; 4. Notre Dame, 50; 5. Hand, 48; 6. Jonathan Law, 40.50; 7. Wilbur Cross, 35.50; 8. Fairfield Prep, 32; 9. Hillhouse, 31; 10. Lyman Hall, 30; 10. Shelton, 30; 12. Branford, 25.50; 13. East Haven, 22; 14. Cheshire, 20.50; 15. Career, 20; 16. North Haven, 16; 16. Sheehan, 16; 18. West Haven, 9; 19. Guilford, 4



Fairfield Prep captured its fourth straight SCC golf championship.



Mercy captured the 2007 SCC softball championship.

BOYS LACROSSE

Regular-season: Fairfield Prep (7-0)

SCC Playoffs: Fairfield Prep defeated Branford, 18-11, in the championship game on May 31 at Branford HS.

GIRLS LACROSSE

Regular-season: Hand (9-0)

SCC Playoffs: Hand defeated Branford, 7-3, in the championship game, on May 29 at Hamden HS.

GOLF

Hammonasset: Hand (8-0)

Housatonic: Shelton (7-0-1)

Oronoque: Branford (8-0)

Quinnipiac: Xavier/Fairfield Prep (5-1)

SCC Championship (May 22 @New Haven Country Club): 1. Fairfield Prep, 304; 2. Xavier, 321; 3. Lyman Hall, 325; 4. Cheshire, 333; 5. Shelton, 335; 6. Branford, 336; 7. Hand 336; 8. Guilford, 342; 9. Hamden, 360

BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Regular Season: Amity (7-1)

SCC Playoffs: #1 Amity 3, #3 Hand 0 (25-20, 25-22, 25-14) on May 24 at Xavier HS.

BOYS TENNIS

Hammonasset: Guilford (7-1)

Housatonic: Amity (8-0)

Oronoque: North Haven/Branford (7-1)

Quinnipiac: Fairfield Prep (8-0)

SCC Playoffs: Amity defeated Fairfield Prep, 6-1, in the championship match on May 23 at the Yale Tennis Courts

GIRLS TENNIS

Regular season: Cheshire (11-0)

SCC Playoffs: Cheshire defeated Hand, 4-3, in the championship match on May 23 at the Yale Tennis Courts.

SCC Notebook

Happy Trails...

Several administrators will be retiring or leaving their current positions at the conclusion of the 2006-07 academic year... The SCC thanks them for their hard work and participation and wish them all well...

Bruce Hall (Guilford HS principal); **Sister Ritamary Schulz** (Sacred Heart Academy principal); **Ed Goldstone** (Amity Regional HS principal); **Buddy Chernovetz** and **Peter Evans** (Career Magnet HS, athletic directors) are all retiring... In addition, congratulations and best of luck to **Pat Brozek** and **Marge Dolan** (North Haven, principal and athletic director, respectively) and **Ralph Proto** (Notre Dame, principal) who are moving to other administrative positions.

Another Spartan Effort!

For the second straight season, Amity (26-1) was the consensus choice as the top baseball team in the state... Class L state champion Guilford (21-4), which handed Amity its only defeat of the season in the SCC championship game on May 26, finished second in the polls... Fairfield Prep (13-10), which reached the Class LL quarterfinal round, also received votes.

SCC Softball Success

SCC champion Mercy (22-5), Cheshire (21-6) and Amity (22-3) were ranked in the top 10 in the final *New Haven Register* state softball poll... Mercy (6th) reached the Class LL semifinal after defeating Amity (9th) in the quarterfinals... Cheshire (8th) was also a Class LL semifinalist... Class L semifinalist North Haven (17-7) and Hand (18-6) also received votes.

SCC Trio Earn Gatorade State Honors

Three SCC student-athletes - Amity softball pitcher **Lauren Bspuda** and Hillhouse track & field athletes **Terrell Wilks** and **Shaniqua Burgess** - were named the 2007 Gatorade High School Connecticut Players of the Year in their respective sports... Winners are selected not only for their outstanding athletic performance, but also for meeting high academic achievement standards while demonstrating exemplary personal character on and off the field.

More Kudos

- Fifty-seven SCC teams (out of a possible 87) qualified for CIAC spring sport team playoff competition in 2007: baseball (16-of-21), softball (14-of-20), boys lacrosse (9-of-12), girls lacrosse (5-of-10), boys volleyball (3-of-5) and golf (10-of-19).

- The Cheshire boys tennis doubles duo of **Jesse Silkoff** and **Jack Baker** defeated Chris Kelley and Stephen Boreen of Wilton in straight sets (7-5, 6-4) to win the 2007 state open title on June 13.

- Congratulations to East Haven athletic director **Fred Balsamo**, was one of three recipients of a CAS Citation at the 55th Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Association of Schools... The Citation, the association's highest honor, is given to those individuals who have made extraordinary and long-term contributions to the organization.

- Congratulations to Xavier athletic director **Tony Jaskot**, a 2007 winner of The Ambassador of Christ Award... The award, presented by the St. Mary's Press Publishing Company, honors extraordinary individuals who touch the hearts of teens and enliven in them the Christian spirit.

- Hamden athletic director **Jeanne Cooper** was honored by The Women and Families Center as an "Advocate for Girls" at the organization's 2007 Women in Leadership benefit luncheon on May 3.

2006-07 SCC State Champions

Fall (4)

Girls Cross Country	MM	Guilford
Girls Soccer	LL	Amity (co-champs)
Girls Swimming	L	Branford
Football	M	Hillhouse

Winter (6)

Boys Basketball	LL	Hillhouse
Boys Swimming	L	Fairfield Prep
Gymnastics	M	Hand
Ice Hockey	I	Fairfield Prep
Cheerleading	LL	Shelton (co-champs)
Cheerleading	L	Foran

Spring (3)

Baseball	LL	Amity
Baseball	L	Branford
Boys Lacrosse	L	Fairfield Prep

2006-07 State Runner-Ups

Fall (7)

Boys Cross Country	M	Guilford
Field Hockey	M	Hand
Girls Soccer	L	Hand
Girls Swimming	Open	Cheshire
Girls Swimming	LL	Cheshire
Girls Volleyball	LL	Shelton
Girls Volleyball	M	Jonathan Law

Winter (6)

Girls Basketball	M	Career
Ice Hockey	II	East Haven
Boys Swimming	Open	Fairfield Prep
Boys Swimming	L	Xavier
Gymnastics	S	Jonathan Law
Girls Indoor Track	LL	Amity
Girls Indoor Track	L	Hillhouse

Spring (2)

Boys Lacrosse	M	Branford
Boys Tennis	LL	Amity



Spring All-Conference Teams

The complete list of the 2007 SCC spring sports All-Conference teams are available at www.southernconnecticutconference.org