

## From the Commissioner's Desk

Happy Summer everyone! It sure has been a busy last few months; and you'll see that over the next several pages of this newsletter. A big "welcome" to the students and staff at Luralton Hall, who officially joined the conference earlier this month. We are glad you are here!

As we look back to the recently-concluded 2013-14 academic year, it was, once again, extremely successful; there were lots of great achievements by our students and member schools in a very special year – our 20th as a league. And, thank you to everyone who voted for the "Best of 2013-14," presented by league sponsor Town Fair Tire. Congratulations to Cheshire girls volleyball team, who won the online contest!

That being said, thank you to the league's administrators, coaches, student-athletes and sponsors for their continuing support and interest in our conference and its activities. We do have a lot to be proud of.

I look forward to even better things in 2014-15!



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## Thanks to Our League's Corporate Sponsors...



## Welcome to the SCC, Lauralton Hall *Crusaders are 23rd Full Member of the SCC*

Lauralton Hall of Milford officially joined the SCC as its 23rd full member and will begin athletic competition this fall. Lauralton Hall was officially voted into the league back on October 3, 2013 after submitting a letter of application on September 24.

Founded in 1905, Lauralton Hall today has an enrollment of 477 girls from grades nine through 12. Lauralton Hall offers 15 varsity sports, including girls ice hockey which has been an associate member of the SCC Girls Ice Hockey League for the last three years.

The Crusaders will compete in the SCC's Quinipiac Division for those sports with a four-division format (ex. soccer, volleyball, cross country, basketball, softball, and indoor/outdoor track). Other sports like field hockey, lacrosse, swimming, and ice hockey utilize different scheduling formats (two or three divisions, etc.).

### A "Welcome Ceremony" ...

The SCC welcomed Lauralton Hall into the conference with a ceremony with school officials and students at the school's gymnasium on Friday, May 23.

All students and staff received SCC t-shirts, which they were allowed to wear for the remainder of the school day.

Special thanks to Lauralton Hall school administrators and students for a wonderful hospitality, especially President Dr. Toni Iadarola, outgoing principal Ann Pratson, academic dean (and incoming principal) Cynthia Gallent and outgoing athletic director Judy Gallagher.



### Lauralton Hall

Connecticut's First Catholic College-Prep School for Girls

*Photo Top Right: Lauralton Hall's fall sport captains pose with SCC Commissioner Al Carbone and Lauralton Hall school officials. Photo captains starting clockwise: Left: Lauralton Hall president Dr. Toni Iadarola gets her SCC swag and official "SCC basketball" from Commissioner Al Carbone and Lauralton Hall athletic director Judy Gallagher. Right: Lauralton Hall students pose with their new "SCC t-shirts" in class. Bottom Left: Lauralton Hall students receive their t-shirts (photos by Bill O'Brien)*



### TIMELINE OF EXPANSION IN THE SCC

**Feb. 3, 1994** – The Southern Connecticut Conference is officially founded with twenty member schools. All 20 schools reaffirm commitment to the new conference with a letter to Peter Young, the executive director of ACES. Nine members of the former Housatonic League, five members from the previously defunct All-Connecticut Conference, four from the District League and two from the Shoreline Conference make up the 20 schools.

**October 23, 1997** – The SCC Board of Governors accept Career Magnet as the 21st member of the league. Career began playing varsity league competition in 1999-2000.

**December 2, 2003** – The SCC Board of Governors voted to accept the City of Milford's application for Jonathan Law and Foran high schools to join the SCC.

**December 23, 2008** – One of the SCC original members – Derby – accepts an invitation to compete in the Naugatuck Valley League starting in the fall of 2009.

**February 10, 2011** – The SCC votes to add the sport of girls ice hockey. SCC member schools Hamden, Daniel Hand, Guilford, Amity/North Haven/Cheshire co-op, Branford and West Haven comprise the league along with associate members Simsbury, West Hartford (Hall/Conard) co-op, Notre Dame-Fairfield and Lauralton Hall.

**April 26, 2012** – North Branford was voted unanimously by the league's Board of Governors as an associate member in the sport of boys ice hockey, starting in 2012-13.

**October 3, 2013** – The SCC's Board of Governors accepts Lauralton Hall as the 23rd member of the conference. On July 1, 2014, Lauralton Hall becomes a full member after having been an associate member in girls ice hockey since 2011.

# Recapping the 2014 Spring Sports Season

Listed below are the sport-by-sport divisional and playoff champions for the nine spring sports sponsored by the conference.

## GOLF

Divisional Champions

**Division I:** Xavier

**Division II:** East Haven



SCC Championship – May 27

@Racebrook Country Club – Orange (par 71)

**Final Team Results:** 1. Daniel Hand, 310; 2. Amity Regional, 316; 3. Fairfield Prep, 322; 4. Notre Dame, 323; 5. Xavier, 326; 6. Cheshire, 329; 7. Shelton, 355; 8. East Haven, 366; 9. Branford, 377

**Medalist:** Rasmey Kong (North Haven), -1 (70)

## BASEBALL

Divisional Champions

**Hammonasset:** Jonathan Law (6-0)

**Housatonic:** Amity Regional, Cheshire (6-2)

**Oronoque:** East Haven (7-1)

**Quinnipiac:** Fairfield Prep, Notre Dame (6-2)

SCC Playoffs

**Quarterfinals – May 27 @Higher Seeds**

#1 Fairfield Prep 6, #8 East Haven 2

#4 Xavier 11, #5 Cheshire 6

#7 Amity Regional 1, #2 Notre Dame 0

#3 Jonathan Law 10, #6 Career 9 (10 innings)

**Semifinals – May 29 @Yale Field**

Xavier 3, Fairfield Prep 2 (12 innings)

Amity Regional 6, Jonathan Law 1

**Championship Game – May 31 @Yale Field**

Xavier 7, Amity Regional 1 – *First title since 1998 for the Falcons*



## BOYS LACROSSE

Regular-Season champion: Fairfield Prep (9-0)

SCC Playoffs

**Semifinals – May 28 @Surf Club - Madison**

#1 Fairfield Prep 11, #4 Amity Regional 5

#2 Guilford 4, #3 North Haven 3

**Championship Game – May 29 @West Haven HS**

Fairfield Prep 8, Guilford 5 – *4th straight title for Jesuits*



## GIRLS LACROSSE

Regular-Season champions: Cheshire, Daniel Hand (6-1)

SCC Playoffs

**Semifinals – May 27 @Cheshire HS**

#1 Cheshire 18, #4 Amity 8

#2 Daniel Hand 15, #3 Guilford 13 (May 28 @Daniel Hand)

**Championship Game – May 29 @West Haven HS**

Cheshire 13, Daniel Hand 7 – *4th straight title for the Rams*



**RAMS FOUR-PEAT!** Cheshire captured its fourth straight SCC girls lacrosse playoff title. The Rams went on to reach the semifinals in the Class L playoffs (photo by Bill O'Brien).

## BOYS VOLLEYBALL

Regular-Season champion: Cheshire (8-0)

SCC Playoffs

**Semifinals – May 27 @Higher Seeds**

#1 Cheshire 3, #4 Amity Regional 0 (25-11, 25-17, 25-19)

#2 Xavier 3, #3 Shelton 2 (22-25, 25-21, 29-27, 20-25, 16-14)

**Championship Game – May 29 @Higher Seed**

Cheshire 3, Xavier 0 (25-16, 25-17, 25-21) – *4th straight title for Rams*



## SOFTBALL

Divisional Champions

**Hammonasset:** Jonathan Law (7-1)

**Housatonic:** Amity Regional, Cheshire (6-2)

**Oronoque:** East Haven (7-1)

**Quinnipiac:** Mercy (6-0)

SCC Playoffs

**Quarterfinals – May 28 @Higher Seeds**

#1 Daniel Hand 3, #8 Foran 0

#7 Jonathan Law 5, #2 Sheehan 1

#3 Amity Regional 4, #6 Cheshire 3

#4 Mercy 3, #5 East Haven 2 (9 inn.)

**Semifinals – May 29 @Biondi Field – West Haven HS**

#3 Amity Regional 1, #7 Jonathan Law 0

#4 Mercy 8, #1 Daniel Hand 1 (May 30)

**Championship Game – May 31 @Biondi Field – West Haven HS**

Mercy 4, Amity Regional 0 – *Second straight title for the Tigers*



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## Continued: Recapping the 2014 Spring Sports Season

### BOYS OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

East Sectional – May 19 @Amity Regional HS

**Final Team Results:** 1. Amity, 172; 2. Shelton, 107; 3. Hillhouse, 106; 4. Cheshire, 85; 5. Sheehan, 69; 6. Daniel Hand, 66.5; 7. Guilford, 33; 8. Foran, 29; 9. Jonathan Law, 23.5; 10. Lyman Hall, 10



West Sectional – May 20 @Amity Regional HS

**Final Team Results:** 1. Hamden, 141; 2. Branford, 130; 3. Xavier, 125.5; 4. North Haven, 60; 5. Wilbur Cross, 58; 6. Fairfield Prep, 57; 7. Notre Dame, 52; 8. West Haven, 30; 9. East Haven, 21.5; 10. Career, 3

SCC Championships – May 27 @Sheehan HS

**Final Team Results:** 1. Amity Regional, 106; 2. Shelton, 82; 3. Hamden, 76; 4. Sheehan, 61; 5. Hillhouse, 58; 6. Cheshire, 48; 7. Xavier, 46; 8. Daniel Hand, 42.5; 9. Branford, 37; 10. Fairfield Prep, 30; 11. North Haven, 22; 12. Notre Dame, 22; 13. Foran, 20; 14. Wilbur Cross, 14; 15. Jonathan Law, 12.5; 16. West Haven, 12; 17. Guilford, 9; 18. Lyman Hall, 4

### GIRLS OUTDOOR TRACK & FIELD

East Sectional – May 19 @Amity Regional HS

**Final Team Results:** 1. Amity, 112.85; 2. Shelton, 103.85; 3. Daniel Hand, 103; 4. Cheshire, 90.85; 5. Guilford, 78; 6. Hillhouse, 77; 7. Sheehan, 75.71; 8. Jonathan Law, 34; 9. Lyman Hall, 24.71; 10. Foran, 1

West Sectional – May 20 @Amity Regional HS

**Final Team Results:** 1. Wilbur Cross, 103.5; 2. Hamden, 98.5; 3. Mercy, 92; 4. Career, 90; 5. North Haven, 89.5; 6. Branford, 84.5; 7. Sacred Heart Academy, 71; 8. East Haven, 57; 9. West Haven, 14



SCC Championships – May 27 @Sheehan HS

**Final Team Results:** 1. Amity Regional, 71; 2. Wilbur Cross, 69; 3. Shelton, 65; 4. Hillhouse, 53; 5. Branford, 52; 6. Career, 45; 7. Mercy, 44.5; 8. Daniel Hand, 44; 9. Sheehan, 42.5; 10. Sacred Heart Academy, 38.5; 11. Hamden, 33; 12. Cheshire, 32; 13. East Haven, 31; 14. North Haven, 25.5; 15. Guilford, 17; 16. Lyman Hall, 17; 17. Jonathan Law, 14; 18. West Haven, 8

### GIRLS TENNIS

Regular-season Champions

**Division I:** Amity Regional (7-0)

**Division II:** Cheshire (7-0)

SCC Division I Playoffs

**Quarterfinals – May 27 @Higher Seeds**

#3 Guilford 6, #6 Sheehan 1

#4 North Haven 4, #5 Shelton 3

**Semifinals – May 29 @Yale University**

#2 Daniel Hand 4, #3 Guilford 3

#1 Amity Regional 5, #4 North Haven 2



*SPARTANS THREE-PEAT! Amity Regional captured its third straight SCC boys outdoor track & field championship – and its ninth overall (photo by John Steady, Steady Photography).*

**Championship Match – May 30 @Yale University**

Daniel Hand 4, Amity Regional 3 – *Tigers' third straight title*

SCC Division II Playoffs

**Quarterfinals – May 27 @Higher Seeds**

#6 Sacred Heart Academy 6, #3 Hamden 1

#5 Career 5, #4 Jonathan Law 2

**Semifinals – May 29 @Yale University**

#2 Branford 5, #6 Sacred Heart Academy 2

#1 Cheshire 4, #5 Career 3

**Championship Match – May 30 @Yale University**

Cheshire 5, Branford 2 – *Second straight title for the Rams*

### BOYS TENNIS

Regular-season Champions

**Division I:** Daniel Hand (8-0)

**Division II:** Xavier, Notre Dame (8-1)



SCC Division I Playoffs

**Quarterfinals – May 27 @Higher Seeds**

#3 Fairfield Prep 7, #6 Branford 0

#4 Guilford 7, #5 Cheshire 0

**Semifinals – May 29 @Yale University**

#1 Daniel Hand 6, #4 Guilford 1

#2 Amity Regional 6, #3 Fairfield Prep 1

**Championship Match – May 30 @Yale University**

Daniel Hand 4, Amity Regional 3 – *Tigers' second straight title*

SCC Division II Playoffs

**Quarterfinals – May 27 @Higher Seeds**

#3 West Haven 5, #6 Lyman Hall 2

#4 Hamden 5, #5 North Haven 2

**Semifinals – May 29 @Yale University**

#2 Notre Dame 5, #3 West Haven 2

#1 Xavier 5, #4 Hamden 2

**Championship Match – May 30 @Yale University**

Xavier 4, Notre Dame 3 – *Second straight title for the Falcons*

## SCC Spring Teams Win Six State Titles; 14 for Year

# 379

Since the league's inception in 1994-95, SCC member schools have now won 379 state championships.

SCC member-schools fared extremely well in state tournament competition during the recently-concluded spring season. SCC teams won six state championships with another five teams earning runner-up status.

SPRING (57-of-90), 63.3%

Sixty-three percent of SCC teams qualified for CIAC spring team sport playoff competition in baseball (12-of-19), softball (11-of-19), boys lacrosse (11-of-17), girls lacrosse (10-of-13), boys volleyball (3-of-5) and girls tennis (10-of-17).

### STATE CHAMPIONS (14)

#### SPRING (6)

**Class M Boys Outdoor Track & Field – Sheehan**  
**Class LL Baseball – Amity Regional** – *defeated Southington, 8-2*  
**Class L Baseball – Notre Dame** – *defeated Masuk, 9-2*  
**Division II Boys Golf – Notre Dame**  
**Class L Boys Tennis – Daniel Hand**  
**Class M Boys Tennis – Guilford**

#### WINTER (5)

**State Open Girls Indoor Track – Wilbur Cross**  
**Class M Gymnastics – Daniel Hand**  
**Girls Ice Hockey – Simsbury** – *defeated Guilford, 3-1*  
**Division II Boys Ice Hockey – Daniel Hand** – *defeated Amity, 5-4*  
**Division I Boys Ice Hockey – Fairfield Prep** – *defeated Darien, 2-1, in OT*

#### FALL (3)

**Class LL Girls Volleyball – Cheshire** – *defeated Staples, 3-1 (24-26, 25-17, 25-15, 25-17)*  
**Class L Girls Soccer – Guilford** – *defeated Branford, 2-0*  
**Class MM Girls Cross Country – Branford**

### STATE RUNNER-UPS (22)

#### SPRING (5)

**Class MM Boys Outdoor Track & Field – Hillhouse**  
**Class MM Girls Outdoor Track & Field – Wilbur Cross**  
**Class LL Softball – Amity Regional** – *lost to Southington, 1-0, in 15 innings*  
**Class L Softball – Sacred Heart Academy** – *lost to Fitch, 3-1*  
**Class M Softball – East Haven** – *lost to Seymour, 2-0*

#### WINTER (10)

**Class LL Cheerleading – Shelton**  
**State Open Gymnastics – Daniel Hand**  
**Class L Girls Indoor Track – Wilbur Cross**  
**Class LL Wrestling – Xavier**  
**Class LL Boys Swimming – Fairfield Prep**  
**State Open Boys Swimming – Fairfield Prep**  
**Girls Ice Hockey – Guilford** – *lost to Simsbury, 3-1*  
**Division II Boys Ice Hockey – Amity** – *lost to Daniel Hand, 5-4*  
**Class LL Boys Basketball – Fairfield Prep** – *lost to Bridgeport Central, 76-73*  
**Class L Boys Basketball – Career** – *lost to Windsor, 63-59*

#### FALL (7)

**Class MM Boys Cross Country – Guilford**  
**Class L Girls Cross Country – Mercy**  
**Class LL Girls Swimming – Amity Regional**  
**Class L Girls Soccer – Branford** – *lost to Guilford, 2-0*  
**Class L Field Hockey – Cheshire** – *lost to Darien, 3-1*  
**Class M Girls Volleyball – Foran** – *lost to Woodland, 3-1 (25-15, 25-23, 23-25, 25-15)*  
**Class LL Football – Fairfield Prep** – *lost to Southington, 52-34*



**DANIEL HAND WINS SCC AND CLASS L BOYS TENNIS TITLES:** After capturing its second straight SCC boys tennis title with an exciting 4-3 win over Amity Regional on May 29, Daniel Hand then went on to capture the Class L state title (photo by Bill O'Brien).



## SportsCenter of CT/SCC Scholar Athlete of the Month Program

For the eighth year, the SCC partnering with The SportsCenter of Connecticut ([www.sportscenterct.com](http://www.sportscenterct.com)) on a Scholar Athlete of the Month program. Here are the spring season recipients:

### MARCH 2014 recipients

Stefani Taschner (Daniel Hand, gymnastics), Ben Solin (Daniel Hand, lacrosse), Andrew Jones (Foran, lacrosse), Jennifer Fugal (Foran, tennis), Ian Robinson (Guilford, outdoor track & field), Jenna Moscarelli (Guilford, lacrosse), Alex Hassen (Notre Dame, lacrosse), Blake Rice (Notre Dame, lacrosse), Patrick Murphy (Shelton, baseball), Victoria Begley (Shelton, outdoor track & field), Mary Adametz (Mercy, softball), Astin Donovan (Mercy, softball)



### APRIL 2014 recipients

James Chapman, Amity Regional, lacrosse), Krista Reynolds (Amity Regional, softball), Ben Shao (Branford, tennis), April Simmons (Branford, lacrosse), Allie Luzzi (East Haven, softball), Brady Reynolds (East Haven, outdoor track & field), Austin Sims (Fairfield Prep, lacrosse), Matthew McKinney (Fairfield Prep, tennis), Soumya Kundu (Jonathan Law, tennis), Brittany Scott (Jonathan Law, outdoor track & field), Carly Mantle (Lyman Hall, lacrosse), Allen Yanbul (Lyman Hall, outdoor track & field), Deirdre Reidy (Sacred Heart Academy, lacrosse), Rebecca Golia (Sacred Heart Academy, outdoor track & field), Sam Rosofsky (Wilbur Cross, lacrosse), Troi Branham (Wilbur Cross, softball)

### MAY 2014 recipients

Nina Sowah (Career, outdoor track & field), Alex Bunnell (Career, baseball), Nadja Pejovic (Cheshire, tennis), Liam Nicoll (Cheshire, outdoor track & field), Sam Kirschenbaum (Hamden, baseball), Ali Santelli (Hamden, softball), Turner French (Sheehan, baseball), Danielle LaButis (Sheehan, lacrosse), Michael Pingree (Shelton, golf), Alexandria Gumbs (Shelton, tennis), Alex Scranton (West Haven, tennis), Sierra Santana (West Haven, softball)

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## SCC Notebook



### Alvarado Earns Trifecta

Fairfield Prep senior **Christian Alvarado** was the Most Outstanding Performer (and also the SCC/OrthoNOW Athlete of the Year) in all three running sports (cross country, indoor and outdoor track) championship meets in 2013-14. In fact, Christian has been the MOP in each of the last six league championship events. Alvarado will attend Georgetown.

### Rivers Named Athlete of the Year

Wilbur Cross sophomore **Danae Rivers** was named the *New Haven Register's* 2013–14 Female Athlete of the Year. Danae was a three-sport (cross country, indoor and outdoor track) standout for the Governors. An All-SCC honoree in each sport, Danae was the SCC/OrthoNOW Indoor and Outdoor Track Athlete of the Year. Danae is the 25th student athlete – since 1996-97 – from the SCC to earn this prestigious honor.

### SCC Coaches Earn National Recognition:

Three SCC coaches were recipients of the National High School Athletic Coaches Association 2014 “Coach of the Year” award. The NHSACA’s annual award is considered the most prestigious awards given to high school coaches in America, and is awarded based on the recipients’ successful season of coaching and their lifetime achievements. Congratulations!

**Football:** Steve Filippone, Daniel Hand

**Cross Country:** Bob Orgovan, Amity Regional

**Softball:** Theresa Napolitano, Luralton Hall (formerly Amity)

### Saying Hello and Goodbye:

There is a bit of turnover in the SCC administrative ranks. Jonathan Law athletic director **Michael Hoggatt** took another position at the school, and will be replaced by Sheehan’s **V.J. Sarullo**. Fairfield Prep’s **Steve Donahue** is moving out-of-state, and **Tom Curran** was named as his replacement. Lyman Hall’s **Amy Labas**, who also served as SCC

Secretary, was named to a similar position at Plainville High School. At Luralton Hall, interim athletic director **Judy Gallagher** stepped down and was replaced by **Jeanne Cooper**. Lastly, Amity Regional’s **Paul Mengold** retired after 30



On June 13, Amity Regional’s Paul Mengold was recognized with a plaque for his 20+ years of service and dedication to the SCC (photo by Bill O’Brien).

years as athletic director. A nationally-respect athletic administrator, Paul was one of the “founders” of the SCC and has held nearly every position in the conference. **Ernie Goodwin**, formerly a wrestling coach at Simsbury High School, was hired as Paul’s replacement.

## “20th Year” Golf Tournament Held



The SCC held a 20th Year Golf Tournament on Monday, June 16 at the New Haven Country Club. Eighty-four golfers participated in the event on an absolutely gorgeous sunny day. *Thank you to the following persons/organizations who supported or made a donation to the 20th year Golf Classic:*

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*The foursome from SCC corporate sponsor Great Blue Research (photo by Al Carbone).*

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## Connecticut Orthopaedic Specialists Awards “Comeback Player” Scholarships



**Stefani Taschner (Daniel Hand)** and **Eric Laugeni (Amity Regional HS)** – were the recipients of the 2014 SCC “Comeback Player of the Year” \$1,000 scholarship award, presented by Connecticut Orthopaedic Specialists (COS).

A SCC corporate sponsor, Connecticut Orthopaedic Specialists P.C. (COS) has offered this scholarship for one male and one female athlete (based on nomination’s from athletic directors/coaches) who participated in an interscholastic sport during the 2013-2014 academic year, and showed great leadership both on and off the field after their severe injury.

**Stefani Taschner, Daniel Hand** – gymnastics

Stefani recently completed a fabulous senior season for the Tigers’ SCC and Class M state champion gymnastics team. Selected the 2014 SCC Gymnast of the Year, Stefani also earned All-SCC, All-State, All-New England and Elite All-American honors, all after undergoing ankle surgery last spring. Her surgery was required after she suffered a series of severe ankle sprains. Stefani’s work ethic following her surgery was remarkable; her positive attitude and competitiveness allowed her to not miss a beat, returning to a high level of performance as indicated by the slew of accolades she received following the season. Stefani will attend Towson University and is interested in studying criminal justice.

**Eric Laugeni, Amity Regional** – football

In the summer of 2008, Eric Laugeni was involved in a freak accident involving a fork lift that severed his left leg and his right leg was broken and dislocated. After numerous hours of surgery, doctors saved his leg, but cast a dubious outlook for him in terms of running. More surgeries and rehabilitation occurred, and Eric began to walk by himself and eventually returned to athletics, but only through a sheer determination and unending work ethic. He played varsity football for the Spartans, and he served as the team’s co-captain this past fall. A standout student in the classroom and a member of the National Honor Society, Eric will attend Lehigh University.



*Left to right: SCC Commissioner Al Carbone, Stefani Taschner, Eric Laugeni and Michael Cianciulli from COS. (photo by Bill O’Brien)*



# SCC Spring Player and Coaches of the Year

Presented by **OrthoNOW**  
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For the first time in the league's history, the Southern Connecticut Conference named a Player of the Year and Coach of the Year in each of its 28 sponsored sports. Many thanks to league corporate sponsor Connecticut Orthopaedic Specialists and its affiliate OrthoNOW for sponsoring the award. The Player and Coach of the Year honorees were selected by the respective sport's head coaches at the conclusion of the regular season.

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

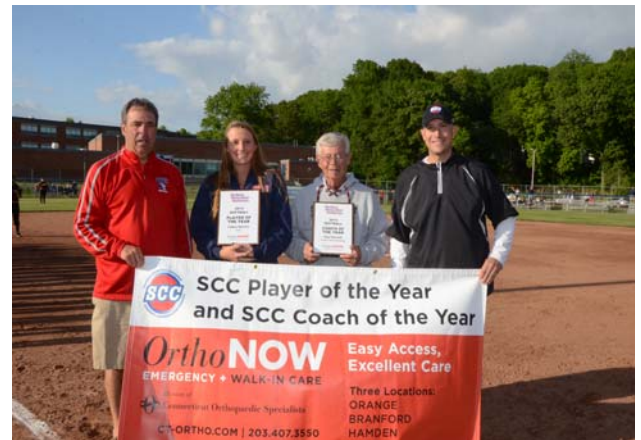
- Baseball** – Kevin Johnson (Jonathan Law)
- Softball** – Fallon Bevino (Foran)
- Girls Lacrosse** – Lauren Cole (Daniel Hand)
- Boys Lacrosse** – Austin Sims (Fairfield Prep)
- Girls Outdoor Track & Field** – Danae Rivers (Wilbur Cross)
- Boys Outdoor Track & Field** – Christian Alvarado (Fairfield Prep)
- Boys Tennis – Division I** – Jason Seidman (Amity Regional)
- Boys Tennis – Division II** – Richard Ciamarra (Xavier)
- Girls Tennis – Division I** – Emily Migliorini (North Haven)
- Girls Tennis – Division II** – Vidhya Maran (Hamden)
- Golf – Division I** – Brian Carlson (Daniel Hand)
- Golf – Division II** – Patrick Hennessey (East Haven)
- Boys Volleyball** – Kevin Berger (Xavier)

## COACHES OF THE YEAR

- Baseball** – Greg Simler (Jonathan Law)
- Softball** – Ray Ramelli (Sacred Heart Academy)
- Girls Lacrosse** – Jenny DeRosa (Amity Regional)
- Boys Lacrosse** – Eric Bailey (North Haven)
- Girls Outdoor Track & Field** – Nally Sahin (Wilbur Cross)
- Boys Outdoor Track & Field** – Thom Jacobs (Amity Regional)
- Boys Tennis – Division I** – Chris Raffone (Amity Regional)
- Boys Tennis – Division II** – Skip South (Notre Dame)
- Girls Tennis – Division I** – Harold Freedman (Amity Regional)
- Girls Tennis – Division II** – Chris Kulenych (Jonathan Law)
- Golf – Division I** – Michael Kohs (Xavier)
- Golf – Division II** – Dave Augustine (East Haven)
- Boys Volleyball** – Sue Bavone (Cheshire)



Commissioner Al Carbone, SCC Baseball Coach of the Year Greg Simler (Jonathan Law), Player of the Year Kevin Johnson (Jonathan Law) and SCC baseball chairperson Jon Capone (photo by Bill O'Brien).



Foran softball coach Jeff Bevino, SCC Softball Player of the Year Fallon Bevino (Foran), Coach of the Year Ray Ramelli (Sacred Heart Academy) and SCC Commissioner Al Carbone (photo by Bill O'Brien).

**SCC Player of the Year  
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# SCC “Best of 2013-14”

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**THE WINNER:** *Cheshire girls volleyball team, which completed a 27-0 perfect season in the fall – winning both the SCC and Class LL state titles.*

## Other Top Moments

- Xavier tennis freshman Richard Ciamarra wins SCC Division II Player of the Year on his way to capturing the Class LL and State Open singles titles.
- Lauralton Hall of Milford joins the SCC as the league’s 23rd full member.
- West Haven’s Ed McCarthy becomes the state’s all-time winningest football coach with a win over Hamden on October 26.
- On November 16, Guilford defeats league-rival Branford in the Class L girls soccer state championship game just two weeks after winning the SCC title over the Hornets.
- Fairfield Prep senior Christian Alvarado completes the triple crown – he is named Most Outstanding Athlete in the SCC cross country, indoor track and outdoor track & field championship meets.
- Despite starting the season 0-3, Amity Regional wins its second straight Class LL baseball title, defeating Southington, 8-2, on June 15.
- Fairfield Prep boys swimming team captured its 10th straight SCC title with a dominating effort on March 5.
- Fairfield Prep captures its first-ever SCC boys basketball title; the Jesuits defeat Hillhouse, 56-52, in the title game on March 5.
- Led by senior Stefani Taschner, the Daniel Hand gymnastics team captures both the SCC and Class M state titles.
- Week #1 of football season has teams from the SCC and FCIAC compete in 17 games with the FCIAC holding a slim, 9-8 edge.
- Guilford girls ice hockey team blanks Darien, 2-1, in overtime in the state semifinals to reach its first-ever state championship game.
- North Haven’s Rasmey Kong shoots a one-under 70 to earn medalist honors at the SCC Golf Championship on May 27. Kong goes on to capture medalist honors at the Division II state tournament two week later.
- Wilbur Cross sophomore Danae Rivers sets an Indoor Track State Open record in the mile (4:52.29 seconds). She then went on to claim the mile crown at the New England Championships, and finish fourth at the national meet.
- Ben Solin scores three goals, including the game-winner, as Daniel Hand defeated league-rival Amity, 5-4, in the Division II state boys ice hockey title game.
- Notre Dame-Fairfield, Branford and New Fairfield-Immaculate win playoff titles in the first year of the SCC-SWC Boys Ice Hockey League.
- Branford’s Anna Atkinson wins the state heptathlon – becoming the third straight SCC winner.
- Daniel Hand boys and girls tennis team both capture league titles with exciting, hard-fought 4-3 victories over Amity in the SCC championship matches on May 30.
- A league-record three SCC softball teams – Amity Regional (LL), Sacred Heart Academy (L) and East Haven (M) – reach state title games. It is the fourth straight year at least two SCC teams reached the championship game.
- Fairfield Prep avenges two regular-season losses to Darien and defeats the Blue Wave, 2-1, in the Division I state ice hockey championship game.
- On June 13, Shelton’s Peter Cotto completed a sweep of the discus competition, winning the New England title with a throw of 165’7”. Cotto also won the SCC, Class LL and State Open titles.

*Town Fair Tire was the sponsor of the SCC’s “Best of... for 2013-14,” an online poll to determine the best moment or performance in the Southern Connecticut Conference during the academic year. Nearly 600 votes were cast.*



**THE WINNER:** *Cheshire became the third SCC girls volleyball team in league history to finish a season unbeaten. Cheshire head coach Sue Bavone and her captains with the “Best of 2013-14” plaque.*



**RUNNER-UP:** *West Haven’s Ed McCarthy became the state’s all-time winningest football coach with a win over Hamden on October 26 (photo by Bill O’Brien).*

