

Official Newsletter of the Southern Connecticut Conference

## From the Commissioner's Desk

Happy Holidays and Happy New Year! We have had a great start to 2014-15 – our 21<sup>st</sup> as a league.

The league had some exciting fall playoff competitions. Our league teams also fared well in the various fall state playoffs. Well-deserved kudos to the five SCC teams that captured state titles; and also to the seven teams who were state runners-up.

More importantly, the league has continued its partnership with The Sports Center of Connecticut to recognize the league's top scholar-athletes. So far, we've honored forty-four student athletes who boast some impressive credentials on the field and in the classroom.

Congratulations to everyone and continue the success!

2015 will be busy! In addition to our upcoming winter sports playoffs, the SCC will be hosting Unified basketball and bowling tournaments, a Cheerleading Competition, and a week-long Arts Exhibition in early April. And in late March, we will honor 46 students – “the best of the best” – at our annual Scholar Leader Banquet.

All the best!



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# Recapping the 2014 Fall Sports Season

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

## **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**

SCC Championship Meet – Oct. 17 @Hammonasset State Park – Madison

**Final Team Results:** 1. Amity Regional, 42; 2. Cheshire, 86; 3. Xavier, 131; 4. Hamden, 132; 5. Fairfield Prep, 134; 6. Branford, 157; 7. Daniel Hand, 170; 8. Guilford, 176; 9. Foran, 239; 10. Shelton, 240; 11. North Haven, 322; 12. Notre Dame, 351; 13. Jonathan Law, 356; 14. Lyman Hall, 425; 15. Hillhouse, 434; 16. Wilbur Cross, 445; 17. Sheehan, 446; 18. West Haven, 571; 19. East Haven, 588



**Top Finisher:** Kyle Beaudette, Amity Regional, (15:56) – *Championship Meet Most Outstanding Performer*

## **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

SCC Championship Meet – Oct. 17 @Hammonasset State Park – Madison

**Final Team Results:** 1. Mercy, 53; 2. Amity Regional, 78; 3. Guilford, 97; 4. Cheshire, 118; 5. Branford, 127; 6. Daniel Hand, 171; 7. Hamden, 189; 8. Wilbur Cross, 224; 9. Shelton, 244; 10. Sacred Heart Academy, 287; 11. North Haven, 292; 12. Foran, 331; 13. Lyman Hall, 375; 14. Jonathan Law, 388; 15. Sheehan, 423; 16. Luralton Hall, 442; 17. East Haven, 472



**Top Finisher:** Mackenzie Pias, Mercy (18:32) – *Championship Meet Most Outstanding Performer*

## **FIELD HOCKEY**

**Regular-Season champion:** Daniel Hand, Luralton Hall (10-0-1)

### **SCC Playoffs**

**Quarterfinals – Oct. 25 @Higher Seeds**

#1 Daniel Hand 7, #8 Amity Regional 1 (Oct. 26)

#2 Luralton Hall 6, #7 Sheehan 0 (Oct. 24)

#3 Cheshire 3, #6 Guilford 0

#5 Branford 1, #4 Hamden 0

**Semifinals – Monday, Oct. 27 @Daniel Hand HS**

#1 Daniel Hand 3, #5 Branford 0

#2 Luralton Hall 4, #3 Cheshire 0

**Championship – Wednesday, Oct. 29 @Daniel Hand HS**

Daniel Hand 2, Luralton Hall 1 (OT)

**Tournament Most Outstanding Player:** Erin Mammele, *midfielder Daniel Hand*



**JESUITS PREVAIL!** After a scoreless 100 minutes of spirited play, Fairfield Prep prevailed over Daniel Hand via penalty kicks (3-2) to win the SCC boys soccer championship. It was the Jesuits' fourth SCC title (photo by Bill O'Brien).

## **GIRLS VOLLEYBALL**

### **Divisional Champions**

**Hammonasset:** Foran (8-0)

**Quinnipiac:** Mercy (8-0)

**Housatonic:** Cheshire (8-0)

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



### **SCC Playoffs**

**First Round – Saturday, Oct. 25**

#4 Lyman Hall 3, #13 Hamden 0 (25-14, 25-7, 25-18)

#5 Sheehan 3, #12 Sacred Heart Academy 0 (25-23, 25-17, 26-24)

#6 Foran 3, #11 Branford 0 (25-20, 25-19, 25-16)

#7 Daniel Hand 3, #10 West Haven 0 (25-20, 25-15, 25-23)

#9 Guilford 3, #8 East Haven 0 (25-15, 25-23, 25-18)

**Quarterfinals – Monday, Oct. 27 @Higher Seeds**

#1 Cheshire 3, #9 Guilford 0 (25-12, 25-11, 25-16)

#2 Amity Regional 3, #7 Daniel Hand 0 (25-19, 25-23, 25-14)

#6 Foran 3, #3 Mercy 1 (25-21, 17-25, 28-26, 25-19) (Oct. 28)

#4 Lyman Hall 3, #5 Sheehan 0 (25-13, 25-23, 25-20)

**Semifinals – Wednesday, Oct. 29 @Higher Seeds**

Cheshire 3, Lyman Hall 0 (25-9, 25-18, 25-4)

Amity 3, Foran 1 (25-15, 25-20, 20-25, 25-13)

**Championship – Saturday, Nov. 1 @North Haven HS**

Cheshire 3, Amity 0 (25-15, 25-7, 25-18) - *4th straight title for the Rams*

**Tournament Most Outstanding Player:** Jill Haberli, *outside hitter, Cheshire*

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## Continued: Recapping the 2014 Fall Sports Season

### GIRLS SOCCER

#### Divisional Champions

**Hammonasset:** Guilford (6-0)

**Housatonic:** Amity Regional (5-2-1)

**Oronoque:** Branford (5-1)

**Quinnipiac:** Luralton Hall (6-1-1)



#### SCC Playoffs

##### Quarterfinals – Saturday, Oct. 25

#1 Guilford 2, #8 Branford 0

#2 Cheshire 4, #7 Amity 1

#3 Shelton 2, #6 West Haven 1 (Oct. 24)

#5 Luralton Hall 2, #4 Mercy 1

##### Semifinals – Monday, Oct. 27 @ Higher Seeds

Guilford 1, Luralton Hall 0

Cheshire 2 Shelton 1

##### Championship Game – Wednesday, Oct. 29 @ East Haven HS

Guilford 3, Cheshire 1

**Tournament Most Outstanding Player:** *Julia Carr, forward (Guilford)*

#3 Shelton 1, #6 Branford 0 (Oct. 24)

#5 Fairfield Prep 1, #4 West Haven 0

##### Semifinals – Monday, October 27 @ Higher Seeds

#5 Fairfield Prep 4, #1 Lyman Hall 3

#2 Daniel Hand 1, #3 Shelton 0

##### Championship – Wednesday, October 29 @ East Haven HS

Fairfield Prep 0, Daniel Hand 0 (*Prep wins via penalty kicks, 3-2*)

**Tournament Most Outstanding Player:** *Dan Szabo, goalkeeper (Fairfield Prep)*

### GIRLS SWIMMING & DIVING

#### Championship Meet – Oct. 29 @ Southern Connecticut State University

**Final Team Standings:** 1. Cheshire 1,291.50 points, 2. Amity 1,025, 3. Luralton Hall 790, 4. Sacred Heart Academy 678.50, 5. Hand 622.50, 6. Branford 555, 7. North Haven 518, 8. Sheehan 501, 9. Lyman Hall 481.50, 10. Mercy 420.50, 11. Foran 315, 12. Shelton 287, 13. Hamden 283, 14. West Haven 242, 15. Law 218, 16. East Haven 173, 17. Career 20.50, 18. Guilford, 2.



**Meet Outstanding Performer:** *Brittany Driscoll (Lyman Hall)*

### BOYS SOCCER

#### Divisional Champions

**Hammonasset:** Daniel Hand (4-0-2)

**Housatonic:** Shelton (5-0-3)

**Oronoque:** Branford/North Haven (6-1-1)

**Quinnipiac:** Fairfield Prep (6-1-1)



#### SCC Playoffs

##### Quarterfinals – Saturday, Oct. 25 @ Higher Seeds

#1 Lyman Hall 1, #8 Notre Dame 0

#2 Daniel Hand 1, #7 Guilford 0

### FOOTBALL

#### Divisional Champions

**Division I West:** Shelton (4-0)

**Division I East:** Notre Dame, Cheshire (3-1)

**Division II West:** Hillhouse, Branford, Jonathan Law (3-1)

**Division II East:** North Haven (3-0)

## SCC Notebook: News from the Fall

### Branford's McGuirk Reaches 500 Victories

Branford field hockey coach Cathy McGuirk won her 500th game on September 9 with a 3-0 SCC victory over Sacred Heart Academy. McGuirk recently finished her 38th season as the Hornets' coach and sports an overall record of 511-118-62-9. Her husband John McGuirk has been her assistant for 35 seasons. Under McGuirk's watch, Branford has won 10 state titles, including four straight Class M titles from 1988-91.



### Thirteen Schools Participated in Unified Soccer Tournament

Thirteen teams participated in the 2014 Southern Connecticut Conference Unified Soccer Tournament on October 15 at Amity Regional High School. Here are the participating schools: Amity Regional, West Haven, Daniel Hand, Branford, East Haven, Jonathan Law, Guilford, Cheshire, North Haven, Hamden, Wilbur Cross, Hillhouse, Hamden and Foran.... Unified Sports provides an opportunity for students with special needs to participate in interscholastic athletics and partners special needs students with non-disabled peers for team competitions... Special thanks to the Albertus Magnus College women's soccer team, who volunteered their time to be officials at the event.

## SCC Fall Teams Win Five State Titles

# 384

Since the league's inception in 1994-95, SCC member schools have now won 384 state championships.

Once again, SCC member-schools fared extremely well on the playing fields. During the 2014 fall season, SCC teams won five state championships with another four teams earning runner-up status.

**68 %:** Sixty-eight percent of SCC teams qualified for the state tournaments in the following sports: field hockey (8-of-12), girls soccer (13-of-18), boys soccer (13-of-19) and girls volleyball (13-of-20). In addition, four football teams (out of 19) earned state playoff berths.

### STATE CHAMPIONS (5)

#### FALL

**Class L Boys Soccer - Branford** - tied Avon, 1-1 (co-champions)

**Class LL Boys Cross Country - Amity Regional**

**Class M Girls Swimming – Lauralton Hall**

**Class M Field Hockey – Daniel Hand** – defeated Wilton, 2-1

**Class LL Small Football – Xavier** – defeated Shelton, 28-27 (OT)

### STATE RUNNER-UPS (4)

#### FALL

**Class L Girls Cross Country – Mercy**

**Class LL Girls Volleyball – Cheshire** - lost to Darien, 3-0 (

**Class LL Small Football – Shelton** – lost to Xavier, 28-27 (OT)

**Class L Small Football – Notre Dame** – lost to Windsor, 38-16



**DANIEL HAND WINS CLASS M FIELD HOCKEY TITLE:** After defeating Lauralton Hall, 2-1, in overtime in the SCC title game, the Daniel Hand field hockey team proceeded to defeat FCIAC-rival Wilton, 2-1, in the Class M state title game on Nov. 16 at Wethersfield High School. It was the Tigers' first state in five trips (photo by John Steady, Steady Photography).



**AMITY REGIONAL WINS CLASS LL BOYS CROSS COUNTRY TITLE:** After winning its fifth SCC title, the Amity Regional boys cross country team won the Class LL state championship - its first since 2010. The Spartans (90 points) defeated FCIAC opponents Danbury (95) and Ridgefield (106) (photo by Bill O'Brien).





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

For the ninth 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 fall season recipients:

### SEPTEMBER 2014 recipients

Ned Gresham (Guilford, soccer), Olivia Watrous (Guilford, soccer), Chris Stanio (Notre Dame, football), Luke Sofair (Notre Dame, cross country), Janelle Cooper (Hillhouse, volleyball), Langston Heath (Hillhouse, football), Caroline Wajdowicz (East Haven, soccer), Austin Lieto (East Haven, cross country), Jack O'Hara (Xavier, cross country), Tanner Kern (Xavier, football), Ellie Senft (Cheshire, swimming), Andrew Yamin (Cheshire, football), Eileen Hinman (Sheehan, field hockey), Michael Moscato (Sheehan, football), Dylan Hawkes (Fairfield Prep, crew), Simon Whiteman (Fairfield Prep, soccer)



### OCTOBER 2013 recipients

Brittany Driscoll (Lyman Hall, swimming), Jonathon Jacobs (Lyman Hall, soccer), Kayley Carr (West Haven, volleyball), Justin Tuschoff (West Haven, lacrosse), Mackenzie Pias (Mercy, cross country), Hannah Albert (Mercy, cross country), Michael Lynders (Shelton, cross country), Laurel Bailey (Shelton, soccer), Emma Baker (Career Magnet, swimming), Kenneth Corichi (Career Magnet, soccer), Dan Tozzi (Hamden, cross country), Julia Lynn (Hamden, swimming), Kali Borden (Foran, soccer), Stephen Longley (Foran, football), Sarah Haselkamp (Lauralton Hall, soccer)

### NOVEMBER 2013 recipients

Kiana Rocco (Sacred Heart Academy, soccer), Erin Mammale (Daniel Hand, field hockey), Ryan Monico (Daniel Hand, soccer), Shannon Foley (Wilbur Cross, soccer), Foster Hall (Wilbur Cross, cross country), Lisa Gorham (Amity Regional, cross country), Matthew Attolino (Amity Regional, football), Janos Kanyo (North Haven, soccer), Emma Dzialo (North Haven, swimming), Megan Shea (Branford, field hockey), Mike Caminear (Branford, soccer), Kelsey Kopazna (Jonathan Law, swimming), Jeremy Doucette (Jonathan Law, cross country)

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## Winter Playoff Schedule

### BOYS and GIRLS INDOOR TRACK

All meets will be held at the Floyd Little Athletic Center

- Jan. 21 – Boys & Girls Novice Meet – 3:30 p.m.
- Jan. 28 – East Sectional (Hammonasset & Housatonic) – 4 p.m.
- Jan. 29 – West Sectional (Oronoque & Quinnipiac) – 4 p.m.
- Feb. 6 – SCC Championship Meet – 4 p.m.

### CHEERLEADING

Feb. 7 – @North Haven HS 10 a.m.

### GYMNASTICS

Feb. 5 – Championship Meet @Jonathan Law – 5 p.m.

### WRESTLING

Feb. 13 – Junior Varsity Competition @Amity Regional HS – 3 p.m.  
Feb. 14 – Varsity Championship @Amity Regional HS – 9 a.m.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

Feb. 19 – First Rounds @Higher Seeds – 6:30 p.m.  
Feb. 21 – Quarterfinals @Sheehan HS – 11 a.m., 12:45, 2:30, 4:15 p.m.  
Feb. 23 – Semifinals @Jonathan Law HS – 6 and 7:45 p.m.  
Feb. 25 – Championship Game @TD Bank Sports Center (Quinnipiac University) – 7 p.m.

### BOYS BASKETBALL

Feb. 26 – First Rounds @Higher Seeds – 6:30 p.m.  
Feb. 29 – Quarterfinals @Branford HS – 11 a.m., 12:45, 2:30, 4:15 p.m.  
March 2 – Semifinals @East Haven HS – 6 and 7:45 p.m.  
March 4 – Championship Game @TD Bank Sports Center (Quinnipiac University) – 7 p.m.

### BOYS ICE HOCKEY – SCC/SWC League

March 4 – Division III Semifinals @Milford Ice Pavilion  
March 5 – Division II Semifinals @Bennett Rink  
March 6 – Division I Championship Game @Bennett Rink  
March 6 – Division III Championship Game @Bennett Rink  
March 7 – Division II Championship Game @Bennett Rink

### GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Division I/II Semifinals/Championships – dates and sites TBA

### BOYS SWIMMING

March 2 – Div. I Qualifier @Hamden HS – 4 p.m.  
March 2 – Div. II Qualifiers @North Haven HS – 4 p.m.  
March 3 – Diving Competition @Hamden HS – 5 p.m.  
March 4 – Championship Meet @Southern Connecticut State University – 6 p.m.

*Please Note: Dates and times are subject to change due to weather, etc. Please check the SCC website or follow us on Twitter @SCCcommissioner for updates.*



# SCC Fall Player and Coaches of the Year

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The Southern Connecticut Conference will name 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 are selected by the respective sport's head coaches at the conclusion of the regular season.

## PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

Girls Soccer – Julia Carr (Guilford)  
 Boys Soccer – Jon Jacobs (Lyman Hall), Noah Rattet (Guilford)  
 Field Hockey – Hannah Leckey (Daniel Hand)  
 Girls Volleyball – Maria Buzzelli (Cheshire)  
 Girls Cross Country – Mackenzie Pias (Mercy)  
 Boys Cross Country – Kyle Beaudette (Amity Regional)  
 Girls Swimming (Div. I) – Dana Chung (Amity Regional)  
 Girls Swimming (Div. II) – Brittany Driscoll (Lyman Hall)  
 Football (Div. I) – Mark Piccirillo (Shelton)  
 Football (Div. II) – Jake Kasuba (Foran)

## COACHES OF THE YEAR

Girls Soccer – Scott McMahon (Guilford)  
 Boys Soccer – Arnie Jandreau (Lyman Hall)  
 Field Hockey – Cathy McGuirk (Branford)  
 Girls Volleyball – Kate Coldren (West Haven)  
 Boys Cross Country – Bob Orgovan (Amity Regional)  
 Girls Cross Country – Kathy Schumann (Mercy)  
 Girls Swimming (Div. I) – Dan Mascolo (Cheshire)  
 Girls Swimming (Div. II) – Dan Wostbrock (Sheehan)  
 Football (Div. I) – Jeff Roy (Shelton)  
 Football (Div. II) – Derrick Lewis (Jonathan Law)

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SCC Commissioner Al Carbone, Girls Volleyball Player of the Year Maria Buzzelli (Cheshire), Coach of the Year Kate Coldren and Girls Volleyball Chairperson Tim Kohs (photo by John Steady).



OrthoNOW's Mike Cianciulli, SCC Coach of the Year Scott McMahon (Guilford), Player of the Year Julia Carr (Guilford) and Commissioner Al Carbone (photo courtesy of Joseph Wolenski).