

# **NEWS FROM THE *SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE***

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## **SportsCenter of Connecticut/SCC Scholar Athletes of the Month for May** *Twelve Outstanding Student-Athletes Recognized*

**New Haven, CT** – Twelve student-athletes from six high schools have been named The SportsCenter of Connecticut/Southern Connecticut Conference Scholar Athletes of the Month for May – the ninth and final month of the program for the 2008-09 academic year.

“For the last nine months, we have recognized some truly outstanding student-athletes who clearly represent the best of the best,” SCC Commissioner Al Carbone said. “Thanks to the Sports Center of Connecticut for its support of this great program and best of luck to all of the honorees who clearly have some bright futures ahead of them.”

Student athletes who are selected must be a varsity letterwinner and have a 3.0/B average while demonstrating leadership qualities such as: being a positive role model; helping teammates overcome adversity; showing a commitment to self-improvement; or putting the needs of the team before themselves.

Sports Center of CT/SCC Scholar Athlete of the Month recipients and receive a certificate, commemorative tee-shirt and a SportsCenter of Connecticut activity pass.

### **The SportsCenter of Connecticut/SCC Scholar Athletes of the Month – May 2009**

#### **Cas Loxsom – Wilbur Cross**

One of the top three-sport (soccer and indoor and outdoor track) athletes in the region, Cas Loxsom has been a tremendous student athlete during his scholastic career at Wilbur Cross. Ranked in the top 15 percent of his class, Cas sports a 3.03 grade point average. A two-year captain of the Governors’ indoor and outdoor track teams, Cas earned All-SCC, All-State, All-New England and All-America honors this season. He will run at Penn State next season. Wilbur Cross athletic director Robert Marone said, “Cas is a talented, dedicated and well-rounded student athlete who is the school’s top athlete bar none.”

#### **Latrice Hampton – Wilbur Cross**

A three-sport (volleyball, indoor and outdoor track) standout, Latrice Hampton has been successful in the classroom as well. Ranked 25<sup>th</sup> in a class of 291 students, Latrice has an impressive 3.3 grade point average. A member of the National Honor Society, Latrice was a recipient of the Yale Shafer Scholarship. She also received the Wilbur Cross “Sportsmanship award,” which is given to the athlete that best represents sportsmanship on and off the field. She will attend St. John’s University in the fall. Wilbur Cross athletic director Robert Marone said, “Latrice is a coach’s dream – she combines a dedicated work ethic with talent and humility. She is a wonderful role model for all of our student athletes.”

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### **Stephanie Smart – Sheehan**

A member of the Titans' tennis squad, Stephanie Smart has excelled in the classroom. Stephanie ranks ninth in a class of 220 students and has an impressive 4.21 grade point average. Stephanie will attend the University of Miami (Fla.). Active in the Sheehan community, Stephanie is a member of the Key Club and participated in the New England Math League. On the court, Stephanie had a 13-4 singles record and qualified for the State Open this spring. Sheehan girls tennis coach Nick Ives said, "Stephanie has excelled in developing herself as a quality tennis player, and more importantly, a talented student."

### **Michael Kadow – Sheehan**

A member of the Titans' tennis squad, Michael Kadow has been extremely successful in the classroom. Ranked second in a class of 220 students, Michael has a 4.11 grade point average. A member of the National Honor Society, Michael served as President of the Junior Class. Sheehan boys tennis coach Donna Laich said, "Michael demonstrated his dedication to our team with his willingness to fulfill whatever role benefitting the team most. He exhibited a positive attitude and his work ethic was a tremendous example for his teammates."

### **Tyler Reid – Xavier**

A two-sport (ice hockey and lacrosse) for the Falcons, Tyler Reid was also successful in the classroom. Ranked in the top 25 percent of his class, Tyler sported a 3.16 grade point average. A member of the National Honor Society, Tyler also made his mark on the lacrosse field as a captain and team's leading scorer. A First Team All-SCC selection in 2009, Tyler also earned New Haven Register All-Area honors. Tyler will play lacrosse at Fairfield University next season. Xavier athletic director Tony Jaskot said, "Tyler is considered on the best athletes at Xavier and is amongst the best lacrosse players in the state of Connecticut."

### **Adam Tomasiello – Xavier**

A member of the Falcons' golf team, Adam Tomasiello has been an outstanding student at Xavier. Ranked sixth in a class of 203 students, Adam has a 3.87 grade point average. He will attend Duke University in the fall. A member of the National and Spanish honor societies, Adam is a member of the Debate Club, Math Team and Jazz Band. Adam was recently honored as a SCC Scholar-Leader and was the recipient of the Cromwell Athletic Club Award. Xavier athletic director Tony Jaskot said, "Adam was a leader on the golf team, and a tremendous role model for all of our student athletes."

### **Brett Michael Doran – Jonathan Law**

A key member of the 2009 SCC champion Eagles' baseball team, Brett Michael Doran has been a standout in the classroom as well. Ranked third in his class, Brett Michael sports an impressive 4.1 grade point average. On the diamond, Brett Michael has been a two-way starter and was named the 2009 SCC Tournament Most Outstanding Player after hitting two home runs in the championship game win over city-rival Foran. Jonathan Law baseball coach Dennis Sweeney said, "Brett Michael's tremendous work ethic and confidence to meet all challenges in the classroom and on the field makes him an outstanding role model for his fellow student athletes."

### **Liz Marus – Jonathan Law**

The captain of the Eagles' soccer and tennis squads, Liz Marus has been a top student in the classroom. Ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in her class, Liz had an outstanding 3.80 grade point average and will attend the University of Connecticut in the fall. A member of the Keyettes, Math and Ski clubs, Liz also served as a reporter for the school newspaper. Jonathan Law head girls tennis coach Chris Kulenych said, "Liz is a leader on and off the court and is a perfect role model for our younger student athletes."

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### **Dennis McGinley – Guilford**

A two-sport (basketball and baseball) standout and captain, Dennis McGinley has been successful in the classroom at Guilford. Ranked in the top 30 percent of his class, Dennis has a 3.4 grade point average. A member of the Athletic Leadership Team and Students Against Destructive Decisions, Dennis is also a CAPT Scholar. Dennis is an All-SCC honoree in both basketball and baseball. Guilford athletic director Chip Dorwin said, "Dennis is an athlete who coaches love to coach. He is hard-working and responsible and a tremendous teammate."

### **Hollise Davis – Guilford**

A three-sport (Cross country, indoor track and lacrosse) standout, Hollise Davis has been a standout student athlete. Ranked in the top 40 percent of her class, Hollise sports a 3.3 grade point average. A CAPT Scholar, Hollise served on the Athletic Leadership Team and is a member of the Environmental Club and various choral groups. This spring, Hollise served as lacrosse captain and was the team's leading scorer on her way to All-SCC honors. Guilford girls lacrosse coach Jody Rebhun said, "Holly is both a smart player and smart student who served as a positive role model for her teammates."

### **Nikole Perugini – Career Magnet**

A member of the Panthers' volleyball and softball teams, Nikole Perugini has been a standout performer in the classroom at Career. A member of the Debate Team and National Honor Society, Nikole sports a 3.2 grade point average. Career softball coach Ron Rosarbo said, "Nikole is the heart and soul of our team on and off the field. She is an outstanding role model for all of our student athletes."

### **Michael Rubino – Career Magnet**

A member of the Panthers' baseball team, Michael Rubino has been an outstanding performer in the classroom with a 3.15 grade point average. A member of the Academy of Information Technology, Michael has been an Honor Roll student. On the diamond, Michael was a key part of Career's run to the Class S state quarterfinals this spring and earned All-SCC Oronoque Division honors in 2007 and 2008. Career baseball coach Brad Chernovetz said, "Michael is an extremely coachable and well-liked student-athlete who exhibits a strong work ethic."

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