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## **2006 SCC Boys Basketball Playoff Field Announced**

The 2005 Southern Connecticut Conference Boys Basketball Playoffs will be held at East Haven High School. Admission is \$5.00.

### **The quarterfinal round will be held on Saturday, February 25.**

Game 1 - #1 Hillhouse (20-0) vs. #8 Sheehan (10-10) – 12 p.m.

Game 2 - #4 Xavier (15-5) vs. #5 Shelton (13-7) – 2 p.m.

Game 3 - #2 Wilbur Cross (18-2) vs. #7 Career (10-10) – 4 p.m.

Game 4 - #3 West Haven (17-3) vs. #6 Hand (11-9) – 6 p.m.

### **The semifinal round will be held on Tuesday, February 28.**

6:00 p.m. – Winners of Game 3 and 4

7:45 p.m. – Winners of Game 1 and 2

### **The championship game will be held on Thursday, March 2 at 7:00 p.m.**

## **THE TOURNAMENT FIELD**

### **#1 – HILLHOUSE (20-0)**

- The Hammonasset Division champion, Hillhouse is making its 12<sup>th</sup> consecutive appearance in the playoffs – the lone SCC school to reach all 12.
- Has a 10-10 record in the SCC playoffs, including four appearances in the championship game (1-3)
- Won its lone SCC title in 1996, defeating West Haven, 63-61, in OT.

### **#2 - WILBUR CROSS (18-2)**

- The Oronoque Division champion, Wilbur Cross is making its ninth playoff appearance
- Has a 20-4 record in the SCC playoffs, including seven appearances in the championship game (5-2)... Wilbur Cross is 8-0 in the quarterfinals.
- Has won a league-best five SCC titles (98, 99, 00, 03 and 04).

### **#3 – WEST HAVEN (17-3)**

- The Quinnpiac Division co-champion, West Haven is making its third playoff appearance (1995 and 1996) and first since 1996.
- The Blue Devils are 3-2 in the playoffs, reaching the 1996 championship game (lost to Hillhouse, 63-61, in overtime).

### **#4 – XAVIER (15-5)**

- The defending SCC champions, Xavier is making its ninth appearance in the SCC playoffs (95, 96, 97, 98, 00, 01, 04 and 05). The Falcons defeated Hamden, 58-50, in the 2005 title game.
- Has the most SCC playoff wins (20-4) and has won four titles (95, 97, 01 and 05).

- Has an 8-0 record in quarterfinal contests, and has made five championship game appearance (4-1).

#### **#5 – SHELTON (13-7)**

- The Housatonic Division co-champion, Shelton is making its fourth straight (ninth overall) playoff appearance (97, 98, 99, 00, 01, 03, 04 and 05).
- Has a 4-8 record in the playoffs, including a 2-6 record in the quarterfinals.
- Has reached the championship game once – 1999 lost to Wilbur Cross, 68-56.

#### **#6 – HAND (11-9)**

- The Tigers are making their third straight (and third overall) appearance in the playoffs (04 and 05) and are 1-2 in the playoffs, reaching the semifinals last year.

#### **#7 – CAREER (10-10)**

- The Panthers are making their fifth playoff appearance (01, 02, 03 and 04).
- Has a 5-3 overall record, including a championship in 2002. The Panthers defeated Wilbur Cross, 69-57, in the title game.

#### **#8 – SHEEHAN (10-10)**

- Making its sixth appearance in the playoffs (99, 00, 02, 03 and 05)
- Has a 3-6 record in the playoffs, including a 2-3 mark in the quarterfinals.

### **Year-by-Year SCC Playoff Champions**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Champion</b>	<b>Runner-Up</b>	<b>Score</b>
2005	Xavier	Hamden	58-50
2004	Wilbur Cross	Xavier	59-54
2003	Wilbur Cross	Hillhouse	98-72
2002	Career	Wilbur Cross	69-57
2001	Xavier	Wilbur Cross	61-48
2000	Wilbur Cross	Notre Dame	67-42
1999	Wilbur Cross	Shelton	68-56
1998	Wilbur Cross	Hillhouse	81-78
1997	Xavier	Hillhouse	73-52
1996	Hillhouse	West Haven	63-61 (OT)
1995	Xavier	Fairfield Prep	62-36

### **Most Championships Won:**

5	Wilbur Cross (04, 03, 00, 99, 98)
4	Xavier (01, 97, 95)
1	Hillhouse (96) Career (02)

### **SCC Playoff Records**

**Most Points Scored:** 98, Wilbur Cross vs. Hillhouse; 2003 championship game

**Fewest Points Scored:** 36, Fairfield Prep vs. Xavier, 1995 championship game  
36, Sheehan vs. Notre Dame, 2000 semifinals

**Biggest Margin of Victory:** 34, Notre Dame vs. Amity, 85-49; 1997 consolation game