



The Indians

Guilford High School Athletic Department Newsletter

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FALL SUMMARY

Our Fall teams finished with a combined record of 77-23-9-3 for a 77% win loss record. We had one State Championship, one conference championship, two conference second place teams and five divisional titles to name a few of the highlights. In addition there were twelve athletes who were identified as All State in their respective sport. Numerous athletes were selected to conference all star teams or earned the honor of playing in senior all star games at the conclusion of the season. Others distinguished themselves as scholar athletes. Teams were actively involved in community service activities helping to restock the shelves of the local food banks. Many of our teams participated in a Breast Cancer Awareness Night. They honored the fight to help find a cure for breast cancer raising funds at designated games such as "Play for the Cure" and "Make the Crucial Catch". Our athletes and their teams have once again represented our school and community with great distinction. We are proud of them all and appreciate all their efforts.



GHS Athletic Directory

The following is a list of the all the head coaches at Guilford High School. They can be reached by contacting the Athletic Office at 453-2741 ext 212. An email directory is on our website as well

- Athletic Director– Jake Jarvis
- Athletic Secretary- Lecia Scranton
- Athletic Trainer - Mike Eldridge
- Baseball - Brian Hayden
- G. Basketball - Bob Welsh
- B. Basketball - Jeff DeMaio
- Cheerleading - Christine Papp
- Crew - Will Thompson
- B. Cross Country - Jon Faitsch
- G. Cross Country - Jim Ford
- Field Hockey - Kitty Palmer
- Fencing - Kyle Mezzi
- Football - Tom Unger
- Golf - Art Fonicello
- Boys Ice Hockey - Ralph Russo
- Girls Ice Hockey - Angela Russo
- G/B Indoor Track - Jon Faitsch
- G. Lacrosse - Craig Vedrani
- B. Lacrosse - Brian White
- Ski - Rolf Meyer
- G. Soccer - Scott McMahon
- B. Soccer - Joe Maher
- Softball - Steve Zajac
- G. Track - Jon Rivera
- B. Track - Jon Faitsch
- G. Tennis - TBA
- B. Tennis - Andy Raucci
- Volleyball - Scott Ferguson
- Wrestling - Craig Vedrani

Booster Calendar/Important Dates

Mon	2/1	Spring Sports sign ups in nurse's office begins
March	1, 6, 7	Spring ImPACT Test Dates
Mon	3/12	Baseball Cond. Practice Begins
Mon	3/19	Other Spring Sports Begin
Tue	3/27	SCC Spring Captains Leadership Train @ N Haven Field House
Wed	6/6	Senior Athletic Awards (Sideliners Sponsored)



TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Girl's Cross Country - The girls won the SCC Hammonasset Division Championship, won the SCC championship, placed first in the Class MM championship for the eighth consecutive year, finished 2nd in the state open meet and placed 7th in the New England Championships. They finished with a 9-0 regular season record.

Volleyball - Qualified for both the SCC and State tournaments with a 15-3 regular season record. They advanced to the SCC championship game before losing to Cheshire. They lost to Farmington in the State tournament quarter-final game.

Boy's Soccer - Ended their regular season with a 9-2-5 record which qualified them for the SCC and CIAC tournaments. They advanced to the State Class LL tournament semifinals before losing to Pomperaug. They finished with a 13-4-5 record for the year.

Girl' Soccer - Had a regular season record of 11-3-2 which qualified them for both the SCC and Class L tournaments. They finished 11-4-3 for the season.

Field Hockey - Qualified for both the SCC and Class M State tournaments with a 10-4-1-1 regular season record. They advanced to the SCC championship game before losing to Cheshire. They lost to Darien in the State tournament quarter-final game.

Boy's Cross Country - The boys won the SCC Hammonasset Division Championship and placed 4th in the SCC Championship. Their regular season record was 9 - 0.



INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

SCC Teams Announced

All Hammonasset

Senan Lonergan, Kevin Jacobsen, Tyler Leone, Marco Parisi, Caroline Massey, Marissa Mormile, Courtney Miller, Carla Puchini & Sydney Smith-Romanski - soccer.

Katie Ferrall, Emily Taylor, Megan Powell, Fiona Doolan, Corinne Sejourne, Amanda Levy, Kevin Maguire, Tim Kenefick, Brian Maguire, Ben Moskow & Sal Siciliano - cross country.

Meg Goodrich & Caitlin Sobolewski - volleyball.

All-Conference

Leigh Rooney & Riley Smith - field hockey 1st team, Julianna Molloy - field hockey 2nd team. Katie Ferrall, Emily Taylor, Megan Powell, Fiona Doolan, & Kevin Maguire - cross country.

SCC Division II football

Matt Hoey & Derrin Gelston

All-State Athletes

Leigh Rooney & Riley Smith - field Hockey 2nd team.

Carla Puchini, Sydney Smith-Romanski, Caroline Massey & Kevin Jacobsen - soccer.

Katie Ferrall, Emily Taylor, Megan Powell, Corinne Sejourne & Kevin Maguire - cross country.

Meg Goodrich - volleyball 2nd team.

New Haven Register All Area

Leigh Rooney & Riley Smith - field hockey.

Caroline Massey, Kevin Jacobsen & Marco Parisi - soccer.

Katie Ferrall, Emily Taylor, Megan Powell & Kevin Maguire - cross country.

Meg Goodrich & Caitlin Sobolewski - volleyball.

Head Baseball Coach Named

Brian Hayden is the new baseball coach at Guilford, replacing Pete Civitello. He was appointed late last month.

Hayden, 31, was the JV coach for the Indians the past two seasons. He has also coached in the town's youth programs the last six years, in addition to the Junior Legion team at West Haven.

"I'm very excited to get this opportunity," Hayden said. "Pete won a state championship at a pretty young age (at Guilford, 2007 Class L). My expectations are similar to what he had, but our first step is to get back into the state tournament (Guilford has missed it the last three years) and get a feel for that again.

Hayden played for Jon Capone at West Haven, then went on to play for Tim Shea at Southern Connecticut State University.

Now Hayden gets his first varsity coaching job in arguably the best conference in the entire state.

"It's going to be a challenge. There are a lot of great coaches in the SCC (Southern Connecticut Conference)," Hayden said. "In order to compete with these teams, we will have to put in the work and effort it will take to play at that level. I'm excited for the challenge."

Soccer Senior All Stars

Game Participants - Courtney Miller, Marissa Mormile, Kevin Jacobsen, & Marco Parisi.

All-New England

Caroline Massey - soccer

Academic Honors

Julia Afeltra - field hockey Academic All State.

Coaches Recognized

Kitty Palmer - Inducted into the CHSCA Hall of Fame, November 2011.

Scott McMahon - Division Coach of the Year, Hartford Courant State Coaches Poll.



UNIFIED SPORTS



Several GHS students are members of our Unified Sports Team. Unified Sports® is a registered program of Special Olympics that combines approximately equal numbers of athletes with and without intellectual disability on sports teams for training and competition. All Unified Sports® players, both athletes and special partners, are of similar age and matched sport skill ability. Unified Sports® teams are placed in competitive divisions based on their skill abilities, and range from training divisions (with a skill-learning focus) to high level competition. They practice once each week at Baldwin Middle School under the supervision of Bill Wallach. They will be competing in the following basketball tournaments this winter; Monday, January 30th at the New Haven Arena & Monday, March 5th, at East Haven High School. They will also play an exhibition game during half time of the boys varsity basketball game on, Wednesday, February 1st.

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GREEN FRIDAY

Every Friday at Guilford High School is "Green Friday". We encourage everyone to show their spirit by wearing our school colors of Green and White. We also hope this will serve as a reminder to all to recycle and to take care of "Mother Earth"



SWIM TEAM

Once again, through the generosity and cooperation of Branford High School, we had one girl swim on our "One Person Swim Team" this year. **Gioia Pappalardo** (12th grade) practiced with Branford and competed as a Guilford swimmer whenever lanes were available at Branford meets. This allowed Gioia to qualify for SCC and State competitions. She was a state finalist in the 500 yd freestyle and a state qualifier in the 200 yd freestyle. Congratulations to Gioia completing her senior year. She represented our school very well for four years as a varsity swimmer.



WEB-SITE

Have you checked out our web-site recently? If not, please do. There is a great deal of information available on the site that we think will be helpful to our student-athletes and their parents. There are links to the various web-sites administered by some of our booster groups and there is a section where you can download most of the forms that are needed for participation as well as our handbook. Please let us know what you think or if there is anything else we could add. Your comments would be very helpful.



ATHLETIC AWARDS

We want all athletes who earned awards to receive them. All freshmen athletes receive their class numbers. Junior Varsity players receive a small "G" the first time they play on a JV team. Varsity Athletes earn a large "G" the first time they earn varsity status. Athletes will receive only one varsity or JV letter during their high school career even if they play more than one sport. Varsity athletes who earn varsity status three years for the same sport are entitled to receive a large white letter "G" once in their career.

At team banquets or other opportunities the coach will give each participant a certificate and a pin for their sport. If coaches provide the necessary information to the Athletic Director prior to the team function then arrangements can be made to have letters and class numbers available at the affair. Otherwise athletes are encouraged to see Mr. Jarvis or Mrs. Scranton to receive these awards.



WEATHER REMINDER

When school is canceled or closed early due to inclement weather all practices and contests are also canceled.





FALL ATHLETES OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the following student-athletes who received Athlete of the Month recognition from the Guilford Sideliners.

September Athletes

Marissa Mormile and Kevin Maguire



Marissa is a senior captain of the girls' soccer team. On the field she plays central defense, and her performance helped the defense record 3 shutouts and an overall record of 4-1-1 this month. Marissa has come back strong this year after an ACL tear the previous year. Her contributions have helped the team give up less than 1 goal a game thus far. Marissa plays an important role both on and off the field as both a leader and a player. She is the daughter of Carole and Michael Mormile.

Kevin is a senior and co-captain of the boy's cross country team. He led his team to a 7-0 record for September. Individually, Kevin placed first in 3 meets all of which were against SCC Conference teams. Those meets included teams such as; Branford, Foran, Wilbur Cross, Hamden, Jonathan Law and Cheshire. As a team leader Kevin paces the team and sets the bar high. He is the son of Christine and Matthew Maguire.

October Athletes

Leigh Rooney and Kevin Jacobsen



Leigh Rooney is a senior co-captain of the field hockey team. She has been a varsity starter for 3 years. In the month of October Leigh led her team to an 8 - 2 record. Her statistics include 12 goals and 6 assists in 10 games from the midfield position this month. As a captain, Leigh has led her team by example both in the classroom and on the field this season. Individual honors awarded Leigh this year include selections to the All SCC First Team, All State 2nd team and New Haven Register All-Area. Leigh is the daughter of Tracy and Lawrence Rooney.

Kevin Jacobsen is a senior and co-captain of the boys' soccer team. For the month of October his stats include 6 goals and 9 assists. Kevin has led the team to a 9 - 2 - 5 record thus far this season. He has been the backbone of the team all season. Individual honors awarded Kevin this year include selections to the All Hammonasset Team, All-State team and New Haven Register All-Area. Kevin is the son of Kathy and Bruce Jacobsen.

November Athletes

Corinne Sejourne and Matt Hoey



Corinne is a senior member of the girls cross country team. Her steady performances this season were instrumental in leading the team into the SCC, State Class MM and State Open Championship meets. She had an outstanding performance in the State Open meet where she was the first one across the finish line for Guilford. Corinne was selected to the All-Hammonasset and All-State teams. She is the daughter of Kate and Eric Sejourne.

Matt is a senior and one of the captains of the football team. He led the team to a 2-2 finish through the end of the season. For the month of November, offensively Matt rushed for 240 yards on 38 carries scoring 4 touchdowns and had 6 receptions for 110 yards scoring 2 touchdowns. Defensively, he had 6 tackles and 1 interception as a cornerback. Matt has played tough all around this year and has had a great season earning himself SCC All-Conference honors offensively. He is the son of Cheryl and Matt Hoey.

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Athletic Department Mission

Striving to enhance learning, foster positive character development and encourage good sportsmanship through success in highly competitive interscholastic athletic competition while maintaining a safe, healthy environment for all.

We're on the Web!

www.guilford.k12.ct.us/~ghs/athletics/

Guilford High School Mission

The mission of Guilford High School is to focus on learning in a rigorous academic learning community that is safe and respectful.

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The SportsCenter of Connecticut/SCC
Scholar Athletes of the Month
November 2011



Meg Goodrich

A three-sport (volleyball, basketball and tennis) standout, Meg Goodrich has also been outstanding in the classroom. A CAPT Scholar, Meg sports a 3.0 grade point average and is active in many school and community activities, including the Athletic Leadership Team and Peer Ministry. On the volleyball court, she served as captain and was a SCC All-Hammonasset Division and All-State selection. Guilford girls volleyball coach Scott Ferguson said, "Meg is a great student, captain and an even better person."

Juan Lluberés

A two-sport (soccer and tennis) standout for the Indians, Juan Lluberés has been an exemplary student in the classroom. A CAPT Scholar, Juan ranks in the top 10 percent of his class with a 3.69 grade point average. President of the National Honor Society, Juan participates in the Concert Band. He was also the Junior Class President. Athletically, Juan has earned SCC All-Hammonasset Division honors in both soccer and tennis. Juan will captain the Indians' tennis team this spring. Guilford boys soccer coach Joe Maher said, "Juan is an athlete who gives 100 percent at all times. He is always willing to help younger players improve and play in any position to help the team."

SPORTSMANSHIP

**SCC SPORTSMANSHIP
CODE**

The Winter Sports season seems to bring out more emotions than any other sports season. It may be the close environment or the intensity of the contests being played. What ever the reason we ask all spectators to use good judgment when they attend contests. Cheer for our team; do not jeer the other team or individual players. Respect officials and coaches. Recognize that your actions send messages to those around you.

We want our opponents to recognize that Guilford High School is a positive educational environment for high school sports competition and that we promote good sportsmanship. We all need to do our part to make sure this goal is achieved.

The CIAC sponsored a Sportsmanship Conference this fall that was attended by sever-

al of our athletes along with Mr. Jarvis. There were several small group discussions along with key-note speakers who all emphasized the need for improved sportsmanship. A CIAC program has been implemented where during one week in each sport season every team at each high school in Connecticut will evaluate one opponent's sportsmanship. The team will discuss the players, coaches, officials and spectators and file a report with the CIAC. Please help us make sure that Guilford receives good reviews from our opponents. Thank you for your good sportsmanship.



The Southern Connecticut Conference has adopted the following Sportsmanship Code: 1) Respect decisions made by contest officials, 2) Refrain from taunting, booing heckling and the use of profanity in any manner, 3) Sit in designated area assigned to each school, 4) Leaving a contest prior to its conclusion, with the expectation of returning, may not be permitted, 5) Admission to a contest is not a license to verbally assault others or be generally obnoxious, 6) Respect athletes, coaches and fans. **Be a fan ... not a fanatic!**

Please help Guilford High School maintain these expectations as you attend our contests.