

# 2021 FALL SPORTS AWARDS



## INTRODUCTION

Somers High School would like to acknowledge our fall sports teams and athletes for their fall sports accomplishments after the 2021 season.

This past fall season, we had (133) athletes participating in (6) sports with all teams qualifying for CIAC post-season state. Post-season honors were awarded to (16) All Conference athletes, including (1) individual NCCC champion, (1) NCCC championship team, (1) CIAC Open individual champion, and (2) athletes qualifying for the New England championships. Additional team awards include (1) NCCC and Class S Championship for girls cross country, and (1) Pequot Uncas Divisional Championship for our Stafford/East Windsor/Somers co-op football team. Somers High School would also like to recognize (9) All State athletes, including both Rachel St. Germain and Thomas Lafayette who earned All New England honors.

We would like to thank our trainer Kade Redman and school nurse Monica Willemain, both of whom were daily involved in keeping our athletes and coaches informed and healthy through all of the many challenges required for playing sports through this pandemic. We also want to thank our clock timers, worker staff and resource officers who provided the support needed to meet to host our home games.

Finally, we would like to thank all of our coaches and student athletes, combined with the daily support of our parents and community, who all have contributed to the success of our fall sports teams during this past season.

Thanks,  
Alan Walker  
SHS Athletic Manager

# **GIRL'S CROSS COUNTRY**

**Varsity Coach: Michael Szafir**

**Assistant Coach: Jennifer Collins**

**Team Captains: Rachel St. Germain, Gracie Flynn**



**VARSITY LETTERS:**, Rachel St. Germain, Ella Campion, Gracie Flynn, April Kelly, Dara Salka, Sara St. Germain, Lauren Zapolski, Stephanie Burzynski

## **TEAM SUMMARY**

The girl's cross-country team went undefeated during the 2021 regular season for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive regular season while winning their 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive NCCC Championship. The team placed (7) athletes on the All NCCC team with Rachel St. Germain winning her 2<sup>nd</sup> straight NCCC individual championship. After not being able to compete in a state championship meet last year, the team was able to win Somers High School's first ever Class S Girls Championship again led by Rachel St. Germain's championship run. Stephanie Burzynski and Gracie Flynn also earned All State honors while qualifying for the girl's Open Championships. Rachel St. Germain completed her championship trifecta sweep of individual honors by easily winning the Open Championship. With Stephanie Burzynski also qualifying for the New England Championships, both runners competed in Thetford Vermont where Rachel St. Germain finished as runner-up. For her outstanding accomplishments throughout the fall, Rachel was awarded the Connecticut Gatorade Cross Country Runner of the Year award.

### **All NCCC:**

Rachel St. Germain (NCCC Champion)

Gracie Flynn

Ella Campion

April Kelly

Dara Salka

Sara St. Germain

Stephanie Burzynski

**1<sup>ST</sup> EVER CLASS S STATE CHAMPION: SOMERS GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

**CLASS S ALL STATE:** Rachel St. Germain (Class S State Champion), Stephanie Burzynski, Gracie Flynn

**OPEN CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Rachel St. Germain (Open Champion), Stephanie Burzynski

**NEW ENGLAND CHAMPIONSHIPS:** Rachel St. Germain (runner-up), Stephanie Burzynski

**ALL NEW ENGLAND:** Rachel St. Germain

**CONNECTICUT GATORADE CROSS COUNTRY RUNNER of the YEAR AWARD:** Rachel St. Germain

## **BOY'S CROSS COUNTRY**

**Varsity Coach: Michael Szafir**

**Assistant Coach: Jennifer Collins**

**Team Captains: Cooper Barrett, Justin Donohue, Benjamin Campion**



**VARSITY LETTERS:** Cooper Barrett, Justin Donohue, Benjamin Campion, Jonathan DuPerre, Braden Joyal, Woodelson Bassaillon, Alex Deveau, Jake Breton, Harley Huestis

**JV CERTIFICATES:** Tait Gaudet, Cowen Joyal, Cody Marks

## TEAM SUMMARY

The 2021 boy's cross-country team finished with a 17-7 team record while finishing 5<sup>th</sup> overall in the NCCC with both Benjamin Campion and Alex Deveau earned All NCCC Honors. The boy's team ran an excellent race in the Class SS Championships, finishing 5<sup>th</sup> overall lead by Benjamin Campion's 9<sup>th</sup> place finish to earn All State honors. Benjamin Campion also qualified for the Open Championships.

**All NCCC:** Benjamin Campion, Alex Deveau

**CIAC Class SS All State:** Benjamin Campion

## BOY'S SOCCER

**Varsity Coach:** Rick Kelly

**Junior Varsity Coach:** Andrew Slater

**Assistant Coaches:** Rick Brown, Shane Hogan, Justin Parlapiano

**Team Captain:** Thomas Lafayette



## Varsity Letters

### SENIORS

Jonathan Benedict  
Patrick Brown  
Joseph Burzynski  
Gabriel Kukulka  
Thomas Lafayette  
Kush Patel  
Douglas Suter  
Ryan Symington

### JUNIORS

Owen Argiro  
Luke Bolduc  
Nicholas Calcasola  
Gabriel D'Amour  
Hunter Hogan  
Tristan Hogan  
Gunnar Harrison  
Thomas Lesco

### SOPHOMORES

Jedric Clark  
Dylan Doody  
Dylan Kukulka  
Manager: Jack Logan

### FRESHMAN

Jesse Martell

Keegan West

David Reed

## TEAM SUMMARY

Coach Rick Kelly's varsity team finished the regular season with a (9) game undefeated streak to end up with a regular season record of with 12 wins, 3 losses and 1 tie. As the number 6 seed entering the Class S State tournament, the Spartans defeated league rivals East Granby, Coventry and Bolton to advance the semi-finals. Somers High School would like to congratulate our (3) All NCCC and (2) Class S All State players, including Thomas Lafayette on becoming the 5<sup>th</sup> Somers High School soccer player in school history to earn All New England honors.

**ALL NCCC:** Thomas Lafayette, Patrick Brown, Tristan Hogan

**CLASS S ALL STATE:** Thomas Lafayette, Patrick Brown

**ALL NEW ENGLAND:** Thomas Lafayette

## BOYS JV SOCCER

Coach Andrew Slater



Coach Andrew Slater's JV team played (12) games and finished with a 6-6 record. The team played their home games both on both the new turf field and the existing grass field, with the highlight of the year winning (2) games over Coventry and defeating Suffield in a home game.

## JV CERTIFICATES

### JUNIORS

Jack Scott

### SOPHOMORES

Mustapha Drammeh

### FRESHMAN

Zachary Avery

Jack Brayton

Declan Case

Jack Chester

Aiden Clarity

Ethan Hartman

### FRESHMAN

Cooper Leonard

Jack Olearcek

Evan Olearczyk

Elden Schillinger

Tyler Scott

Denny Storozuk

Aiden Leiphart

# **GIRL'S SOCCER**

**Girl's Soccer Varsity Coach Jody Catellier**

**Girl's Soccer JV Coach: Erik Serrell-Dube**

**Volunteer Assistant Coaches: Ryan Kalman, Brody Rheault, Eric Henne, Kathryn LaVallee, Gina Catellier**

**Team Captains: Bianca Green, Anna Majowicz, Jamie Anthony, Deidre Dalessio**



## **VARSITY LETTERS**

### **SENIORS**

Kaya Donah  
Bianca Green  
Anna Majowicz  
Shannon Munson

### **JUNIORS**

Jamie Anthony  
Mackenzie Bridge  
Shea Cassidy  
Laura Catellier  
Deidre Dalessio  
Devon Dalessio  
Raya Davis  
Erin Donohue  
Robin Gaskell  
Katherine Grondin  
Kiana Kalman  
Halle Watt

### **SOPHOMORES**

Kathryn Brown  
Grace Dina  
Elizabeth Grondin  
Taylor Illuzzi  
Elizabeth Szleszynski

### **FRESHMAN**

Avery D'Amour  
Ava DePeau  
Maggie Skalski  
Maya Serrano

Varsity Managers: Grace Majowicz, Mollie Burns, Teegan Illuzzi

## TEAM SUMMARY

Led by their (4) seniors and many returning varsity players with high expectations coming into this season following last fall's (8) wins and advancing the NCCC East playoff finals, the team finished with a record of 12 wins, 3 losses, and 1 tie to qualify as the #6 seed in the Class S State tournament. After a bye in the first round, the Spartans defeated #11 Old Lyme in penalty kicks after overtime, and then defeated #19 Old Saybrook in overtime to qualify for the semifinals for the first time since 2008.

**ALL NCCC:** Bianca Green, Deidre Dalessio, Avery D'Amour  
**CLASS S ALL STATE:** Bianca Green, Deidre Dalessio

## GIRLS JV SOCCER TEAM Erik Serrell-Dube



Coach Eric Serrell-Dube's junior varsity team had a record of 6 wins and 3 ties.

## JV CERTIFICATES

### JUNIORS

Mackenzie Bridge  
Madison Gebo  
Josie Goulet

### SOPHOMORES

Alexa Damboragian  
Olivia Gengenbach  
Grace McGuinness

### FRESHMAN

Noelle Benedict  
Sydney Cassidy  
Emma Ciccirella  
Rylee Ferro  
Lyndsey Hale  
Aubrie Kobjack  
Juliette Mira

Jocelyn Randall  
Brooke Stevens

# **FIELD HOCKEY**

**Varsity Coach: Jennifer Jablonski**

**JV Coach: Caitlyn Dunlap**

**Assistant Coach: Brianna Damon**

**CAPTAINS: Kayla Brown, Grace Gengenbach, Sophia Jones, Emily Lawlor**



## **VARSIITY LETTERS**

### **SENIORS**

Kayla Brown  
Caroline Colton  
Abigail Ellis  
Grace Gengenbach  
Grace Herrity  
Sophia Jones  
Emily Lawlor  
Katelyn Martello  
Taylor McCormick  
Palmer Oliveri  
Emily Tardif

### **JUNIORS**

Amanda Tardif

### **SOPHOMORES**

Sage Corbin  
Chloe Gowdy  
Audrey Mahoney  
Ryen Rossi

### **FRESHMAN**

McKenna Halligan  
Alyssa Reynolds

### **MANAGERS**

Amelia Carengo  
Isabella Nolasco

## **TEAM SUMMARY**

Coach Jenna Jablonski's team led by (11) seniors players played a full NCCC and non-league schedule following the 2020 season with a combined schedule with the CCC field hockey teams. Somers had (2) all conference athletes in field hockey with Emily Lawlor earning All NCCC and All State honors.



**ALL NCCC: Emily Lawlor**  
**Class S 2<sup>nd</sup> Team All State: Emily Lawlor**

## **FOOTBALL**



**Stafford/East Windsor/Somers Co-op Football Team**  
**Varsity Coach Brian Mazzone**

**VARSITY PLAYERS:** Mateo Pandolfi, Connor Marchi, Logan Wolf, Christopher Francis, Tyler Kradas

**JV PLAYERS:** Tyler Wolf, Ryan Halligan, Lukas McClenahan, Sebastion Sawicki, Josiah Fasano, Eric Renzoni, Andrew Cardwell, Yanni Karaja

### **1<sup>st</sup> PLACE PEQUOT UNCAS DIVISION**



After almost (2) years of not being able to play football, the Stafford/East Windsor/Somers co-op football completed the season with a record of 6 wins and 4 losses which earned a share of the Pequot League Uncas league championship.

# SOMERS BOOSTER CLUB

<HTTPS://SITES.GOOGLE.COM/SITE/SOMERSCTBOOSTERCLUB>

## BOOSTER CLUB PRESIDENT

Jacqui Symington

With the re-opening of the snack shack for fall sports games, followed by hosting the fall golf tournament, the Booster Club was able to continue their long tradition of fundraising for our athletic programs. Somers High School would like to thank the Booster Club for continuing to sponsor the Athlete of the Month Awards and 1<sup>st</sup> time varsity letters. The Booster Club also continues their tradition of presenting our seasonal sports videos, with a special thanks going to Stacey Colton for her continued hard work and dedication to our student athletes.



## **ATHLETES OF THE MONTH SPONSORED BY THE SOMERS BOOSTER CLUB**

The following student athletes were nominated by their respective coaches for their outstanding accomplishments during this past winter season.

### SEPTEMBER

Boys Soccer: Ryan Symington  
Girls Soccer: Jamie Anthony  
Field Hockey: Grace Gengenbach  
Boys Cross Country: Bryce Huestis  
Girls Cross Country: Dara Salka  
Football: Logan Wolf

### OCTOBER

Boys Soccer: Douglas Suter  
Girls Soccer: Devon Dalessio  
Field Hockey: Caroline Colton  
Boys Cross Country: Cooper Barrett  
Girls Cross Country: Lauren Zapolski  
Football: Matteo Pandolfi

**NOVEMBER**

Boys Soccer: Patrick Brown  
Girls Soccer: Kathryn Brown  
Boys Cross Country: Benjamin Champion  
Girls Cross Country: Rachel St. Germain  
Football: Connor Marchi

**1ST TIME VARSITY LETTER WINNERS**  
***SPONSORED BY THE SOMERS BOOSTER CLUB***

**CRITERIA:** The following student athletes have earned their first career varsity letter while participating in a varsity sport during this past fall.

**GIRL'S SOCCER**

Shannon Munson  
Elizabeth Grondin  
Avery D'Amour  
Ava DePeau  
Maggie Skalski  
Teegan Illuzzi  
Maya Serrano

**BOY'S SOCCER**

Kush Patel  
Gunnar Harrison  
David Reed  
Jedric Clark  
Dylan Doody  
Jesse Martello

**FIELD HOCKEY**

Saige Corbin  
Chloe Gowdy  
Audrey Mahoney  
McKenna Halligan  
Alyssa Reynolds

**BOY'S CROSS COUNTRY**

Jake Breton  
Bryce Huestis

## GIRL'S CROSS COUNTRY

Stephanie Burzynski

## FOOTBALL

Mateo Pandolphi

Logan Wolf

Christopher Francis

Tyler Kradas

# NCCC ALL ACADEMIC HONORS



Somers High School and the NCCC would like to recognize our student athletes who have qualified for the NCCC Scholar Athlete award by qualifying with either high honors or honors during the fall sports season.

### **GIRLS SOCCER**

Kaya Donah  
Anna Majowicz  
Grace Majowicz  
Mollie Burns  
Shannon Munson  
Jamie Anthony  
Shea Cassidy  
Laura Catellier  
Deidre Dalessio  
Devon Dalessio  
Raya Davis  
Erin Donohue  
Robin Gaskell  
Katherine Grondin  
Kiana Kalman  
Halle Watt  
Kathryn Brown  
Grace Dina  
Elizabeth Grondin  
Taylor Illuzzi  
Teegan Illuzzi  
Avery D'Amour  
Ava DePeau  
Madison Gebo  
Alexa Damboragian  
Olivia Gengenbach  
Grace McGuinness

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Joseph Burzynski  
Gabriel Kukulka  
Thomas Lafayette  
Douglas Suter  
Ryan Symington  
Owen Argiro  
Nicholas Calcasola  
Gabriel D'Amour  
Tristan Hogan  
Thomas Lesco  
David Reed  
Jedric Clark  
Dylan Doody  
Dylan Kukulka  
Jack Brayton  
Declan Case  
Jack Chester  
Ethan Hartman  
Aiden Leiphart  
Cooper Leonard  
Jack Olearcek  
Evan Olearczyk  
Nico Skalski  
Jack Logan

### **BOYS CROSS COUNTRY**

Cooper Barrett

### **GIRLS CROSS COUNTRY**

Rachel St. Germain  
Ella Champion  
Gracie Flynn  
April Kelly  
Dara Salka  
Sara St. Germain  
Lauren Zapolski  
Stephanie Burzynski

### **FIELD HOCKEY**

Kayla Brown  
Grace Gengenbach  
Grace Herrity  
Emily Lawlor  
Taylor McCormick  
Oliveri Palmer  
Emily Tardif  
Amelia Carenzo  
Isabella Nolasco  
Amanda Tardif  
Chloe Gowdy  
Audrey Mahoney  
McKenna Halligan  
Alyssa Reynolds

Noelle Benedict  
Emma Ciciarella  
Rylee Ferro  
Lyndsey Hale  
Juliette Mira  
Jocelyn Randall  
Maya Serrano  
Brooke Stevens

Justine Donohue  
Benjamin Champion  
Braden Joyal  
Jake Breton  
Bryce Huestis  
Tait Gaudet  
Cody Marks

**FOOTBALL**  
Ryan Halligan  
Eric Renzoni  
Andrew Cardwell  
Yani Karaja

## SOMERS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS ACT COUNCIL *UPDATE*



The newly appointed SHS Class Act council has been assembled for the 2021-22 school year, with members looking forward to developing new ideas and potential programs in promoting school spirit and good sportsmanship.

**Council Leaders:** Emily Lawlor, Grace Majowoicz

**Council Members:** Anna Majowicz, Rachel St. Germain, Cooper Barrett, Douglas Suter, Gracie Flynn, Benjamin Champion, Halle Watt

### *SUMMARY*

Once again, Somers High School would like to everyone for all of the support and dedication to our fall sports student athletes, as our athletes were able to experience a full fall sports season.