HOPKINS’ SANTOPOLO AMONG 2006 DIAMOND CLUB HONOREES

HAMDEN, Conn. – Hopkins School graduate Chris Santopolo of Madison has been presented a 2006 John “Whitey” Piurek “There’s No ‘I’ In Team” Award by the Southern Connecticut Diamond Club.

Santopolo was one of 31 honorees at the Diamond Club’s annual awards banquet on June 7 at Monticello’s Restaurant in Meriden. The “There’s No ‘I’ In Team” Award, named for the longtime West Haven High baseball coach, honors the member of each area varsity high school baseball program who gives most unselfishly to his team.

Santopolo, a 2006 captain, is a three-year varsity starter at pitcher and shortstop. A two-time all-Fairchester League selection, he was 3-2 with a 2.34 earned run average as a senior.

The Southern Connecticut Diamond Club (formerly the Greater New Haven Diamond Club) was created in the mid-1980s and re-established in 2005 to foster and promote the game of baseball in the New Haven area. Anyone wishing to join the Diamond Club may contact Tony Mentone at 203-281-3897 or tonymentone@yahoo.com.

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(Photograph attached – Santopolo at the 2006 Diamond Club awards dinner with banquet guest speakers Rich Marazzi (left), Baseball Digest columnist and WELI sports host, and John Anquillare, head coach at the University of Bridgeport. Photo credit: Frank Mentone Jr., Totoket Times.)