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All-Area Boys’
Lacrosse Team
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JOE O’KEEFE
Notre Dame-Breen-Brennan

The senior All-American had single-season records for goals (63) and assists (34) with 170 points and 37 assists. His speed and precision allowed him to score and get assists in tight game situations. Also played baseball and hockey. MVP by selection of Western New England College.

BILLY ALESSI
Haddam-Killingworth

Senior All-American was a two-year first-team All-Connecticut line. Finished with 79 goals and 74 assists. Led the team in goals and assists and the SCC Class B final where he scored six goals and one assist. Selected to play in the prestigious McDonald Senior All-American game in Boca Raton, Fla. All-American soccer player. Will attend Colgate.

MICHAEL D’AMICO
Brantford

Senior was one of the top scorers in the SCC. Physically intimidating at 6 feet, 230 pounds and quick for his size. Had 10 hat tricks and 25 assists. Led his team to a 10-2 record in the SCC and runner-up finish in the SCC tournament. Also played baseball. Was a 4.0 grade point average and will play baseball at Division I University of Kentucky.

DOUG PRUSOF
Haddam-Killingworth

Senior attacker is a tactical player who scored six goals in a one-goal state playoff game against Darien. Slammed in 10 goals and 25 assists. Named All-Area player. Will attend Bryant University.

MATT GARDOUR
Darien

The senior attacker led the Rams with 34 goals and 19 assists. The senior leads the team in goals and assists in the SCC. Also played in the 2007 McDonald Senior All-American game in Boca Raton, Fla. All-American soccer player. Will attend Bryant University.

SPENSER PARELL
Foothill Prep

Senior attacker led the Mustangs to the CCS and IIIA state titles. Finished with 34 goals and 19 assists. The senior leads the team in goals and assists in the CCS. Also played in the 2007 McDonald Senior All-American game in Boca Raton, Fla. All-American soccer player. Will attend Bryant University.

MATTHEW LARSON
Haddam-Killingworth

Senior attacker led the Rams with 34 goals and 19 assists. The senior leads the team in goals and assists in the SCC. Also played in the 2007 McDonald Senior All-American game in Boca Raton, Fla. All-American soccer player. Will attend Bryant University.

JOSH GILDENHORN
Notre Dame-Breen-Brennan

Senior attacker was named the offensive player of the tournament. He scored 21 goals and assisted on 12 others. Won the tournament title game against Darien. Will attend Bryant University.

RYAN HANSEN
Haddam-Killingworth

Senior midfielder was All-Connecticut. Finished with 49 goals and 37 assists. optics of the first team in the state in his senior year. Scored 10 goals in the state tournament. Will play lacrosse at Colgate University.

NATE SIMMONS
Morgan Classical

Senior midfielder was All-Connecticut. Finished with 49 goals and 37 assists. optics of the first team in the state in his senior year. Scored 10 goals in the state tournament. Will play lacrosse at Colgate University.

CHRIS COTTRELL
Haddam-Killingworth

The senior midfielder was selected by the coaches as the Connecticut player of the year. Led the Mustangs to the state championship. Will play lacrosse at the University of Pennsylvania.

KEVIN DOWNEY
Haddam-Killingworth

Senior defender led the Mustangs with 25 goals and 12 assists. Also played in the 2007 McDonald Senior All-American game in Boca Raton, Fla. All-American soccer player. Will attend Bryant University.

PAT GLEASON
Darien

The senior was an All-Connecticut player who scored 31 goals and added 20 assists. He scored 10 goals in the state tournament. Will attend Bryant University.

SANDY MACHENBERG
Haddam-Killingworth

Senior midfielder was All-Connecticut. Finished with 30 goals and 17 assists. Named All-American in both lacrosse and rugby. Will attend Bryant University.