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FROM CLUB SPORT TO STATE CHAMPIONS

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Pretzels to Pennants

As **Shawn McDonnell '72** remembers it, organized hockey at Fairfield Prep ranked barely above the cold Berchmans cafeteria French fries.

"We had guys that just wanted to skate," said McDonnell, who served as chief cook, bottle washer and skate sharpener, and who is credited with founding the hockey "team" in the winter of 1968. "No matching tops, different color pants, just chip in a couple of bucks for ice time at Wonderland [of Ice] once a week."

McDonnell wound up doing most of the heavy lifting in those halcyon days. He booked ice time, arranged scrimmages with other local schools and helped defray ice and equipment costs by selling pretzels in Berchmans Hall during his free time from classes.

"Yep, senior year we were all [taking classes] in McAuliffe [Hall] and I was over in Berchmans every day waiting for the pretzel guy to show up so I could sell them to the kids coming into the cafeteria."

It's a long way from pretzels to pennants, chipped skate blades to championship banners, but over the course of half a century Fairfield Prep has gone from a ragtag group of hockey denizens to perennial contenders for Connecticut high school supremacy.

Beginning with their first championship – a Division II title in 1977 – the Jesuits have amassed 17 Division I championships since 1978, along with four runner-up finishes and an amazing total of 41 appearances in the Division I playoffs.

Prep has done this under the guidance of just four coaches: **Marty Roos** (1971-1990), **Peter Lavigne** (1990-1996), **Adolph Brink** (1996-1999) and **Matt Sather** (1999-present).

Initially, Prep hockey was a club sport, as referenced in the 1969 *Hearthstone*. Students got together once a week at the Wonderland under the direction of **Rev. Dan Sullivan** and **Rev. Mr. John Clifford**.

"[The winter of] 1968 was really the beginning of it all," recalled **Mike Fusco '72**, a forward on the first varsity team in 1971-72. "**Fr. Dan Sullivan** was running pickup hockey at Wonderland of Ice in Bridgeport on Thursday afternoons. We would warm up, skate around and do some simple drills, then scrimmage."

"In the beginning, we were merely a hockey club playing among ourselves," forward **Greg Griffith '72** added. "When [the late] **Dennis Welch '72** transferred into Fairfield Prep [in 1969] and became goalie, captain and team leader (in many ways), we began to be less of a club and more of a team."

"**Dennis Welch** [was the] best goalie I ever played with, a cat with great stand-up form," added **Brian O'Sullivan '71**, co-captain along with the late **Bob Gilligan '71** of the final club team at Prep. "[He was] the No. 1 reason we could compete that first season."

"I think we went 10-10 thanks to **Dennis Welch**," Fusco said of that 1970-71 team.

Scheduling games was difficult with all the hockey-playing schools under the CIAC umbrella, but Prep's first actual scrimmage against an opponent was a 4-0 loss to now-defunct Stamford Catholic in 1970.

EARLY TIMELINE

- **1968-69:** The first organized "hockey club", as stated in *The Hearthstone*, got together once a week at Wonderland of Ice under the direction of coaches Fr. Dan Sullivan and Rev. Mr. John Clifford.
- **1969-70:** The club got more serious, with players getting scrimmages against the likes of Wilton, Notre Dame-Fairfield and Stamford Catholic. When the "season" ended, Prep was anticipating elevating its status to a varsity sport and joining a local league with teams from Notre Dame, Warde, Ludlowe and Kolbe.
- **1970-71:** Hockey remained a club sport, with Prep players again paying their own way for ice time once a week and occasionally playing pick-up games against other area teams. Pretzels began being sold to help fund the team for the next two seasons. Little did anyone suspect what was in store for the following year.
- **1971-72:** At long last, hockey was recognized as a varsity sport. Prep played a Division II schedule and went a respectable 11-6-3. This season, there was a legitimate coach – Marty Roos – with Fr. Dan Sullivan and Fr. Walter Pelletier as his assistants.
- **1976-77:** After paying its dues for five seasons, Prep grabbed the brass ring by defeating Cheshire 4-3 in the Division II championship game.

"We started meeting guys from other schools like Trumbull, Warde, Ludlowe and Notre Dame-Fairfield," Fusco said. "That's when we started picking up games. Funny thing is, some of those [opposing players] became lifelong hockey buddies and friends, playing together until our early 60s."

1970s

In 1970-71, Prep became an official club team with the moniker of "**Roos' Raiders**" in deference to new coach Roos, who had been coaching youth hockey in New Canaan. **Rev. Walter Pelletier, S.J. '47** had been a supporting sponsor and had come on as an assistant.

That winter also brought tragedy to the fledgling group, with the untimely passing of second-line center **Don Mittman '72**. "I was his left wing," Fusco said. "We all went to the funeral in Norwalk. Six of us were pallbearers and we rode in **Larry Mulhern's '72** famous station wagon. [It was a] sad time, but we were united as a team, building toward the future."

Fusco recalled some late-night practices at the old Crystal Rink in Norwalk, with its infamous lack of facilities that made changing clothes virtually impossible.

"I pretty much wore my equipment to the rink and back. It was a tight fit in my '66 Mustang. Our equipment was old school, cheap plastic or leather five-piece helmets, heavy leather skates with old style blades and of course wooden sticks."

"**Dennis Welch, Bob Gilligan** and I went to athletic director (and Prep Athletic Hall of Famer) **Joe Brosley** to sell him on starting a Prep varsity team in the fall of 1970," O'Sullivan said. "He was positive on the idea long term, but told us the funding wasn't available then. So we got permission to play under Prep's name, which was thrilling. However, he said if we did, we would have to fund [ourselves] for equipment and ice time."

"So that was the [first] winter of the pretzels in the

"There were many players throughout my career that are now successful in their own careers. It would be nearly impossible to single out any [one] player. I had a tremendous experience throughout my 19 years."

Coach Marty Roos (1971-1990)

cafeteria. We staffed a booth selling large hot soft pretzels in the cafeteria at two for a quarter, which sold out every day and raised enough one way or another over the season to buy jerseys [and] ice time."

The entrepreneurial venture was eventually shut down by the school's food supplier, and O'Sullivan opined that it was for only one reason.

"We took too much of their business."

But perseverance was indeed a virtue because the 1971-72 season saw the school designate hockey as a varsity sport. It was classified as a Division II team.

Welch, Fusco and Mulhern '72 (a defenseman) served as tri-captains and the team went 11-6-3, including a watershed 1-0 victory over previously undefeated (and also defunct) St. Mary of Greenwich.

Welch was named team MVP and the foundation had been established. Fairfield Prep finally had a full-fledged hockey program and a dedicated coach in **Roos**, who said the formation of the team involved "lots of preparation and hard work."

Fast forward to the winter of 1976-77. Prep was coming off its best season to date at 17-6 and making it to the Division II semifinals. But with captain **Mark Roy '77, Joe Motherway '77**

The 1970-71 Team



(kneeling) Mike Fusco, Brien O'Sullivan (capt.), Dennis Welch, Bob Gilligan (asst. capt.), Greg Griffiths, and Matt Kaminski. (standing) Don Mittman, Larry Mulhern, Bill Urell, Mike Valentine, Larry Makovich, Peter Altieri, Tom Mullen, and Jay Cleary. Absent: Jon Kaplan, Mike Frymus.

The 1971-72 Team



KNEELING: Matt Kaminske, Steve Kolenda, Dennis Welch (tri-capt.), Mike Fusco (tri-capt.), Larry Makovich, Tom Clifford
1st ROW: Coach Marty Roos, statisticians Perry Roos, John Larson 2nd ROW: treasurer Steve Ambrose, manager Shawn McDonnell, Bill Urell, Larry Mulhern (tri-capt.), John Klimas, Bill Reindl, Mike Frymus, Greg Griffith, Jay Clary, Fr. Dan Sullivan MISSING: Pete Alteri and Terry McGannon



On Playing for Coach Marty Roos

"When I first met Marty Roos, he said, 'Fusco, if you don't get that hair cut, you don't play!' Next game I scored two goals with my long hair and we beat Trumbull 4-2. Marty said, 'Fusco, you're all right.' Never did cut my hair!"

Mike Fusco '72

"He demanded each player to give his absolute maximum effort. You want to play for Marty, you better produce the "110 percent" he asked for every

day. He knew how to win and what was necessary to reach elite status in the state and beyond. His coaching methods at times were unconventional, but they were always effective to get the best out of every player, whether they liked it or not. Marty was famous for skating four lines, something other teams would not or could not do. "We've got 20 guys on this team. Either we win with all 20 or we go down the tubes with them," he once said.

Kevin Martin '81

"I remember trying out as a freshman (in 1989) and being in awe of Mr. Roos, and totally intimidated when I had to bench press my weight (110 pounds) in order to get on the ice."

Matt Sather '93

– both all-staters – and late goalie **Mike Pribesh '77** leading the way, the Jesuits fashioned a 22-2 record (bested only by two other Prep teams), scored 10 or more goals in a game on five occasions and won the Division II championship by defeating Cheshire 4-3.

"It was a very rewarding experience for the school and the hockey program," Roos said. "It basically put us on the map. The players certainly deserved [it] for their persistence and hard work."

The next year saw Prep move up to Division I (along with Cheshire) and Cheshire avenged its defeat from a year ago by besting the Jesuits 6-5 in the Division I championship game. Prep's first true hockey rivalry had been born, and the Jesuits turned the tables on the Rams the following season by nipping them 3-2 for their first title in Division I.

"Hamden has always been the premier rival for Prep, but for a few years in the late '70s and early '80s, it was Cheshire," said **Kevin Martin '81**, an all-stater and the 1981 Division I Player of the Year. "Those two teams really grew to not like each other.

"Both teams moved up to Division I in 1978, where the Jesuits finished that season 14-2-2 in state (15-5-2 overall) and ranked third, with Cheshire ranked fourth. Led by captains **Bill Jenkins '78** (all-state), **Robert O'Connor '78** and **Tom Skarzynski '78**, Prep beat Staples, New Canaan and Greenwich to get to the finals. Cheshire beat two FCIAC teams in McMahon and Darien and then Fermi, which had beaten Hamden in the semifinals. In the title game, Cheshire nipped Prep 6-5, imposing a stinging defeat that was impossible to forget."

Martin recalled the atmosphere around the team the following season, when Prep finished the regular season 13-7, including a pair of losses to Cheshire, which now owned a five-game winning streak against the Jesuits.

"Marty was frustrated with the state rankings, as he took it as a slap in the face and used that to fire up his team," Martin said. "Captains **Doug Banquer '79** (all-state), **Bill Robinson '79** and **Drew Burns '79** led Prep to wins over West Haven, Fermi and Simsbury by a combined score of 26-3. In the final against [Cheshire], the Jesuits returned the favor with a 3-2 victory. It also gave Prep the upper hand in taking a second championship in the three-year title-game series between the two teams."

"Shawn McDonnell '72 [was a] powerhouse manager. He had the best wheels too. Probably still does."

Brian O'Sullivan '71

1980s

In 1980, Prep won again, this time beating Amity 3-1 for a 20-3 final record and a No. 4 national ranking by the National Sports News Service, behind Mount Saint Charles (RI), Matignon (MA) and Grand Rapids (MN).

In 1981, for the only time in its history, Prep recorded its third consecutive state title, defeating archrival Hamden 3-2 in overtime.

Three all-state selections – tri-captains **Martin**, **Steve Falcone '81** and **Pat Kennedy '81** – led the way. **Dan Dunn '81** scored the game-winning goal at 1:20 of overtime in front of more than more than 5,200 fans at the New Haven Coliseum.

So in Prep's first four years in Division I, the Jesuits made the finals four times, won three championships, posted a

record of 71-19-3 and were 13-1 in state tournament play.

But changes occur as the years go on: rivalries are created and then disappear, new foes arise and of course, the players move on, some of whom are fortunate to have played more than one or two seasons with Prep. Then there are the rare ones who transcend the sport on the high school level, like **Ted Drury '89**.

A Prep Athletic Hall of Fame inductee in 2019, Drury is widely regarded to be the best high school player in state history. The older of the Drury brothers (younger sibling Chris '94 is also a Prep Athletic Hall of Famer from 2017) skated for the Jesuits from 1986-1989, was a three-time All-State selection (1987-89) and was named Division I Player of the Year in 1989. In his final two seasons for Prep, the 6-foot forward scored 56 goals (35 in 1988-89) and assisted on 59 others for 115 points in 49 games. That summer, he was selected 42nd overall by the Calgary Flames in the NHL draft, but opted to attend Harvard. He went on to play eight seasons in the NHL and was a two-time Olympian.

Amazingly, Prep was near the end of a 10-year title drought when Drury graduated and did not win again until brother Chris came aboard in 1990-91.

Current Prep coach **Matt Sather '93** couldn't figure out why. "I remember in 1988 running around the [Milford Ice Pavilion] rink listening to the PA announcer call out, 'Prep goal, [Ted] Drury, from [John] Sather '88 and [Craig] Duddy '88.' Those late '80s teams were stunningly good, but could not quite close the deal."

Chris Drury's penchant for past success (i.e., the 1989 Little League World Series) might have rubbed off on the hockey team, because it was crowned champion in 1991 under new coach **Peter Lavigne**.

1990s

"In 1991, [we had a] new coach, new locker room, new rink [Wonderland of Ice after many years playing at Milford Ice Pavilion]," Sather recalled. "We upset Hamden at the Hartford Civic Center for our first state championship in a decade. [We had all-stater] **Dave Woodward '91** on defense, **Billy Towle '92** in net, **Jason DePalma '91** and **Jim Solkoske '91** up front. I was a third line wing and my center was a freshman named **Chris Drury**."

Prep has since honored both **Drurys** by retiring their number 18, which hangs in the rafters of Wonderland as well as in Prep's Brissette Athletic Center and a business establishment partly owned by **Chris Drury** in Fairfield.

"It was a tremendous honor to get the number retired, and [it's] particularly cool to share it with my brother," **Ted Drury** said.

"Growing up, I dreamed of being an athlete at Prep and I will never forget the first time I got to put on a Prep jersey (a

"I'll never forget skating onto the ice for the first time as a freshman and experiencing the Bomb Squad cheering! It was an experience that only comes with being a part of the Prep family. [In those years] you could find no bigger friend or fan of Prep hockey than headmaster Fr. James Arimond SJ. Countless times he would join us in the cafeteria, or we'd spend our free period in his office talking hockey. In fact, years after we graduated many of the players and parents would get together with Fr. Arimond to relive those years."

Scott Jacob '97

scrimmage at Albany Academy, N.Y.," **Chris Drury** said. "It was thrilling to be part of such a historic hockey program and I will always consider myself lucky to have gone to Prep and be a Jesuit hockey player."

"The 1991 championship team was a special team in many ways," said **Lavigne**, now a teacher at the Canterbury School in New Milford. "They won a ton of games that year and only suffered only two in-state losses, both to Hamden. Guys like **Solkoske** and **DePalma** and (**Dennis**) **Mastriano '91** scored some big goals all year; the [defense] corps was tough as nails and really, really strong, with **Woodward** and (**Liam**) **McCarthy '91** leading the way, and **Towle** was great, game in and game out, all year long. [That] team had what it took to win it all. They checked their ego at the door and worked their tails off every day. The third time against Hamden was the charm in the finals. We outworked them, out-hustled them, out-skated them, outplayed them. Simply put, we wanted it more than they did and proved it. We were the best team in the state."

Following **Chris Drury's** departure for Boston University and future success in the NHL – including a tenure as captain of the New York Rangers, for whom he is now the President and General Manager – the program reached new heights. From 1995 through 2005, Prep made the Division I finals six times and prevailed in all of them.

Goalie **Scott Jacob '97** was a key component of that run. The three-time all-state goalie helped backstop two straight titles in 1995 and 1996.

"We were loaded on defense with captain **Mike Peroni '95**, **Chris Molyneux '95**, and sophomores **John Heffers '97** and **Andrew Townsend '97**," Jacob said. "This was our strength. It was a safe feeling for goalie **Jim Donnelly '95** and me to know we had such a strong defensive group in front of us."



From Coach Peter Lavigne

"When I think of those six teams from 1990-1996, even thirty years later, I am so incredibly impressed with those student-athletes. There were some really gifted hockey players who went on to play in college like Dave Woodward, Billy Towle, Matt Sather, Chris Drury, Tory and Scott Jacob, Andy Townsend, John Longo (who left Prep to play at the Taft School in Watertown), Dennis Mastriano and others. There were tremendous two-sport athletes like Rudy Mauritz '94, the McShane brothers [Tom '92 and Bryan '95] and Matt Macleod and many more.

Then there were natural leaders like Liam McCarthy, Mike Peroni '95, Mike Marella '96, and Greg Mello '92. And finally, there were players who would run through the wall just to be a part of Prep hockey, like the Jacques brothers [Scott '91 and Shawn '93], the O'Neill brothers [Pat '91 and Dan '95], the Steczkowski brothers [Bob '94 and Tom '98], the Molyneux brothers [Chris '95 & Shaun '99], Andy Waldera '95 and Todd Schettini '95. There are just too many great character kids to mention. Each one of them contributed to the winning culture and was a pleasure to coach."

Coach Peter Lavigne (1990-1996)

Offensively, the team was led by assistant captain **Brendan Kapteina '95**, assistant captain **Bryan McShane '95**, **Matt Macleod '96** and **Tory Jacob '97**."

Prep defeated rival Notre Dame-West Haven three times that season, including once in the state tournament. **Jacob** recorded a semifinal shutout win over then-No. 1 Enfield and Prep steamrolled New Canaan 6-1 in the finals, with **Macleod** earning game MVP honors.

The following season the Jesuits returned a strong nucleus, although as **Scott Jacob** cautioned, "Repeating is not easy. When you're the defending champion you have a target on your back."

Nonetheless, Prep took care of business, dispatching Notre Dame-West Haven in the semifinals and whitewashing New Canaan 3-0 in the finals, the Jesuits' only shutout that season. It earned **Jacob** game MVP honors.

But Prep was denied a chance at a third straight championship when it lost to Notre Dame-West Haven in the 1997 semifinals.

"Sometimes the puck needs to bounce your way," **Scott Jacob** said. "We were 19-2-3 that year, loaded with talent but in the end didn't get the job done. For me that is what makes the two championship years so special.

"Leadership is paramount for a team destined for success," **Jacob** added. "We were fortunate to be under the guidance of coach **Lavigne**, and assistants **Adolph Brink** and **Bob Bernier**. They believed in discipline, hard work and pushed us many times to get the best out of us. They treated us as young

adults and held us accountable for our actions as individuals and as members of the team. To see the hard work pay off with two championships was truly a blessing and a reminder that success is a by-product of hard work."

"I played for two head coaches: coach [Adolph] Brink and coach [Matt] Sather, the latter of [whom] I think is what made us the teams we were. Coach Brink was a tough coach; the old-school, skate until you drop, Herb Brooks-type of approach. Coach Sather knew the game very well but knew the psychological aspect to coaching even better. Like any good team, it starts from the top and coach Sather proved to be pivotal to not only our teams at the time, but the Prep hockey program in general. His track record proves that. We had several other great assistant coaches as well: Bob Bernier, Rudy Mauritz and Pat Ryan. I think Matt's brother [John] helped a little here and there my last year or so as well."

Micky Girardi '01

2000s

It would be three more seasons before Prep would win again, but success continued to come in bunches as the Jesuits went back-to-back in 2000 and 2001.

Two integral pieces of those championships were **Michael Healey '00** and **Micky Girardi '01**. Healey was a three-time all-state goalie and was Division I Player of the Year in 2000, while **Girardi** was a two-time all-state forward and the D-I Player of the Year in 2001.

"Winning the 2000 state championship remains my most cherished sports memory," **Healey** said. "Our team was talented but we won on character and grit. We had guys that had worked their way up from the JV team, guys that battled back from injuries, and unsung heroes that played their best in the biggest moments. As just one example of the storybook nature – the guy that scored the winning goal for us in the semifinal, current Prep Director of Admissions, **Kevin Altieri '00**, was a goalie freshman year! He then played two years of JV as a forward before making varsity. That's an amazing story in its own right and is perhaps emblematic of the whole season.

"But what made the 2000 team extra special was that, for the first time in a really long time, we were the underdogs. We weren't expected to win. In my first three years at Prep, we breezed through the regular season at the top of the rankings only to fall short in the playoffs. Our senior year, we suddenly found ourselves in unfamiliar territory: struggling to make the playoffs. We needed the last couple weekends in February to [get in]. We ended the regular season with a losing record (8-11-1) and earned a lowly No. 14 seed.

But Prep managed to defeat Enfield, Newington and Darien to set up a championship game against Greenwich.

"It was a 0-0 game going into the third period," **Healey** recalled. "I remember barely a word was spoken in the locker room as we waited to take the ice for the final time of [my] Prep career. Late in the [third period], our leading scorer, **Micky Girardi**, put us ahead. Greenwich pulled the goalie with what felt like three minutes remaining. I remember the battles along the boards in our zone – **Brett Vaughn '00** trapping the puck in the corner and eating up valuable seconds, **Kevin Brawley '00** taking a hit to chip the puck out to center ice, **Ryan Birge '00** blocking a shot. Every so often, I'd glance up to check the clock. With less than a minute remaining, **Joe Deck '01** got behind the Greenwich defense and buried an empty-netter [for] a 2-0 lead that became the final score."

"What a group of characters," **Sather** said. "**Mike Healey** in net, **Danny Nemchek '00** on defense and **Micky Girardi** up front. We struggled to score and struggled to win, but played an extremely tough schedule. We were ready and loose – nothing to lose. And we steamrolled everyone, giving up only three goals in four games."

"[**Healey** was] one of the best goalies in New England," **Girardi** added. "I played with guys that would star on any other team in the state. With that said, I can't take any credit without crediting all the guys I played with. I scored [the] winning goal, but it wouldn't have happened without our [defenseman] (**Vin O'Hara '01**) making two split decisions to stay on the ice and then pinch and make a pass. We would not have won our game against Darien in the semis if one of our seniors (**Kevin Altieri**) hadn't scored both goals in a 2-1 win. [**Healey**] only allowed two goals in the tournament that year. It was a collective team win, as it should be."

"The 2000 season was also special because it was the first [full season] for coaches **Matt Sather** and **Rudy Mauritz**," **Healey** said. "Perhaps they were more panicked at the time than they let on, but to us they were cool, calm and collected. They kept us focused on the task at hand – the next game, the next period, the next shift. They believed in us. Needless to say, it was the start of a legendary coaching career."

Girardi – and the coaching staff – got a chance to celebrate again the following season, but without all the agita of a championship nailbiter. The Jesuits beat Notre Dame-West Haven 8-0 in the final, their second shutout of the playoffs.

"Our senior class that year was incredible, both as guys and as a skilled aspect to the team," **Girardi** said. "We had a lot of fun that year. I remember a couple goals I scored, but the big thing I remember was going out with a resounding win. We had beaten [Notre Dame-West Haven] 1-0 during our last home game of the year when **Matty Altieri '01** scored in overtime. When it came time for the finals, one of the NDWH guys said it was a dream to play Prep in the finals or something to that effect, and I remember the guys took that and ran with it in terms of motivation. It worked out pretty well."

The solid programs manage to maintain their pedigree and sustain excellence, but not even the school itself could have imagined what transpired three years later. After failing to reach the championship game the previous two seasons, Prep began the most dominant stretch of winning in its history by notching four state titles in five seasons, from 2004-05 thru 2007-08. The 2004 squad fashioned a record of 20-4, the first 20-win season for Prep in more than two decades.

Sather had the best view behind the bench for every one of those games, many of them memorable. One, however, stands out.

"The greatest game I ever saw was the [2004] state semifinal against West Haven, [a] double-overtime win," he said. "**JP Hansen '04** made a crushing hit behind the West Haven net and **Dave Arcobello '04** slammed home the winner. We won the state championship [against Notre Dame-West Haven] three days later.

"The line of **Dave Arcobello** (26 goals, 17 assists, 43 points) **Mark Arcobello** (17-31-48) and **Jesse Weinzimmer '04** (18-20-38)

"Through middle school I grew up watching Prep hockey as my older brother Darric was a part of championship teams. After making the team freshman year we thought it would be a rare opportunity that we could be on the same team and win a state championship. In 2010 we had a great run and unfortunately lost a close battle with Hamden by one goal."

David White '13

is one of the great lines in school history, combining for 129 points in 24 games, against amazing competition."

Before leaving for prep school after the 2005 season (and eventually finding his way into the NHL), **Marc Arcobello** and goalie **Kevin Carey '05** were the backbone behind Prep's successful title defense and an even better record than 2004 (20-3-1). **Arcobello** bettered his production by five points (29 goals and 26 assists), **Doug Martin '06** chipped in 11 goals and 20 assists for 31 points and **Carey** fashioned a 13-2 record with a sparkling 1.67 goals against average.

But the difficult "three-in-a-row" goal eluded Prep again as Notre Dame-Fairfield ended Prep's bid in the 2006 quarterfinals.

However, the Jesuits were back at it again in 2007 with a new group, headed by three-time all-stater **Darric White '08** and two-time all-stater **Rob Summerlin '08**.

"[Losing to Notre Dame-Fairfield in 2006] was like getting blindsided by a train," **Summerlin** said. "Watching the seniors in the locker room after that loss was torture. That stayed with me and everyone else who kept playing for Prep. I think we all sort of decided that we'd rather not end our careers at Prep that way. Maybe that's what gave us an extra lift the next year in '07: that chip on the shoulder, the tears of those '06 seniors. No way. Not again. Not us. And as it happened, the next two years we beat Notre Dame-Fairfield in the finals."

Indeed they did. In 2007, Prep defeated the Lancers 3-2 in overtime. The following season Prep prevailed 5-3 as **Paul Tropisa '08** excelled on the blue line.

"We started out 2-7 and rounded into shape as the year went along," **Sather** said. "We battled every game in the state tournament to the most unlikely state championship in school history."

"When you start playing for Prep you walk into this living energy, this tradition, this history of winning, an expectation of winning," added **Summerlin**, who scored 38 points that season. "You walk into the Prep locker room and suddenly

you're a foot taller and twice as fast. My senior year, we started out 2-7. But still, the whole time we're still thinking, 'We're Prep. We get to wear Prep jerseys. We won it last year. So, we're going to win it again this year.' It may have been silly, but we turned out to be right."

2010s

The decade of the 2000s came to an end, but the championships did not. In fact, it was the beginning of another dominating stretch of supremacy. During that period, the Jesuits captured three state titles in four years, with only a defeat by Glastonbury in the 2012 semifinals preventing an unprecedented (for Prep) four consecutive championships.

Still, there were plenty of accolades to go around. The years 2008-2013 belonged to the **White** brothers, **Darric '10** and **David '13**. Both were three-time all-state honorees, and Darric, the Division I player of the year in 2010, had known success as a member of the 2007 and 2008 Division I champs. But Hamden knocked off Prep 6-5 in the 2010 championship game, so naturally the returning players had extra motivation to finish the job.

"In 2010 we had a great run and unfortunately lost a close battle with Hamden by one goal," said **David White**, a two-time Connecticut Division I player of the year. "[The 2011 team] had great senior leadership that was always striving for greatness. After a hard-fought win [over South Windsor in the semifinals] we knew we were running into one of the more skilled teams in the state in St. Joseph. We came out fast, starting with some great work from **Bryan Puffer '11** and **Dave Griffin '11** that carried on throughout the game. Our goalie, **John Galiani '11**, was by far the best in the state and stopped almost everything in a dominating 5-0 win."

And as in 2010, the bittersweet taste of defeat in 2012 served as a springboard for going the distance the following season. But no one could have predicted what evolved in 2013. Prep took the ice and won – and won – and won – until its record was 17-0. Powerful Catholic Memorial of Massachusetts ended the streak with a 4-3 win at Wonderland of Ice, but that loss was the only blemish on a school record 23-1 season, capped by a 3-2 championship game victory over Notre Dame-Fairfield.

"[It was] our most dominant team," **Sather** said. "The inimitable **David White** and the **Henry** twins [**Connor '13** and **Sean '13**, both all-state selections] ran roughshod all year. Our only loss was to Catholic Memorial in a game where **Connor Henry** had to sit out due to a concussion. That team was just so balanced. We had an incredible second line of [**Matt**] **Wikman '14**, [**Dean**] **Lockery '14** and [**Kenny**] **Kochiss '14** and a dynamic goalie tandem (all-stater **Matt Beck '14** and **Chris Gutierrez '14**) who would all go on to win in 2014."

"My Fairfield Prep state hockey championship experience is one of my proudest and cherished achievements. I would do anything to suit up and play for Fairfield Prep again."

Jack McGee '18

"What a special year," White added. "There are not enough words I can say about [that] season. There were many milestones achieved and we came up one goal short of [going] undefeated. Every time I look at the banner in the rink, I can proudly say I was a part of the best team in Prep hockey history."

Wikman and **Kochiss** were named all-state selections as Prep repeated in 2014 with a 2-1 overtime victory over Darien in the finals.

2020s

And as Fairfield Prep turns the page on a half century of hockey excellence, the 2021-22 Jesuits will have something to shoot for as well: another chance at three straight championships. That's because COVID wiped out the team's chances for a 2020 title, when Prep would have entered that season as two-time defending state champions, having won in 2018 over Greenwich and then over Notre Dame-West Haven in 2019.

With all-staters **Jack McGee '18**, **Skyler Celotto '18** and **Cole Casl '18** leading the way to a 22-2-1 record, **Sather** rated the 2018 team ahead of all other Prep teams he coached except for the record-setting '13 squad.

"A close second," he said. "We also went undefeated in Connecticut. [It was] a dominant senior class, led by **Jack McGee** in net and **Skyler Celotto** up front, that moved through Connecticut competition like no other team in Prep history."

"[That] was a very special team," **McGee** said. "[It] was a team compiled of 16 seniors that had played together for almost 10 seasons. We grew up playing hockey with one another so it was a special bond that our team had. Between the road trips, bonding in the locker room, and celebrating our victories we were not going to be denied from our goal as a team. Going 22-2-1 that season and being undefeated in the state of Connecticut was something that was truly remarkable."

So many games, so many victories, so many championships and yet so much more to be written as Prep embarks on the next half century of hockey. The privilege of playing for the school has certainly left an indelible mark on many of its alumni.

"I grew up in Fairfield and played youth hockey in Bridgeport," **Micky Girardi** said. "As I progressed and got older, I would watch Prep in small amounts after a pee-wee or midget practice and the more I watched, the more I wanted to play hockey at Prep. Fortunately I was able to do so for four years."

"My brother **Tory** and I often talk about those days and appreciate our time at Prep," **Scott Jacob** said. "It was an honor to lace them up with so many friends, coaches and staff. I am humbled to be part of a program that has a distinguished history and I'm confident that Fairfield Prep will continue to set the standard for excellence in Connecticut high school hockey."

McGee may have summed it up best. "Fairfield Prep hockey has been the best four years of my life," he said. "The lessons on and off the ice that Prep hockey has taught me not only [made] me a better hockey player but a better person. For those playing now and in the future, you are a part of a legacy that has been instilled in Fairfield Prep's DNA. Wear the 'FP' on your chest proudly. It goes by quickly, so make sure you enjoy every minute. And as always, worry about winning the next state championship."

Pretzels, anyone?

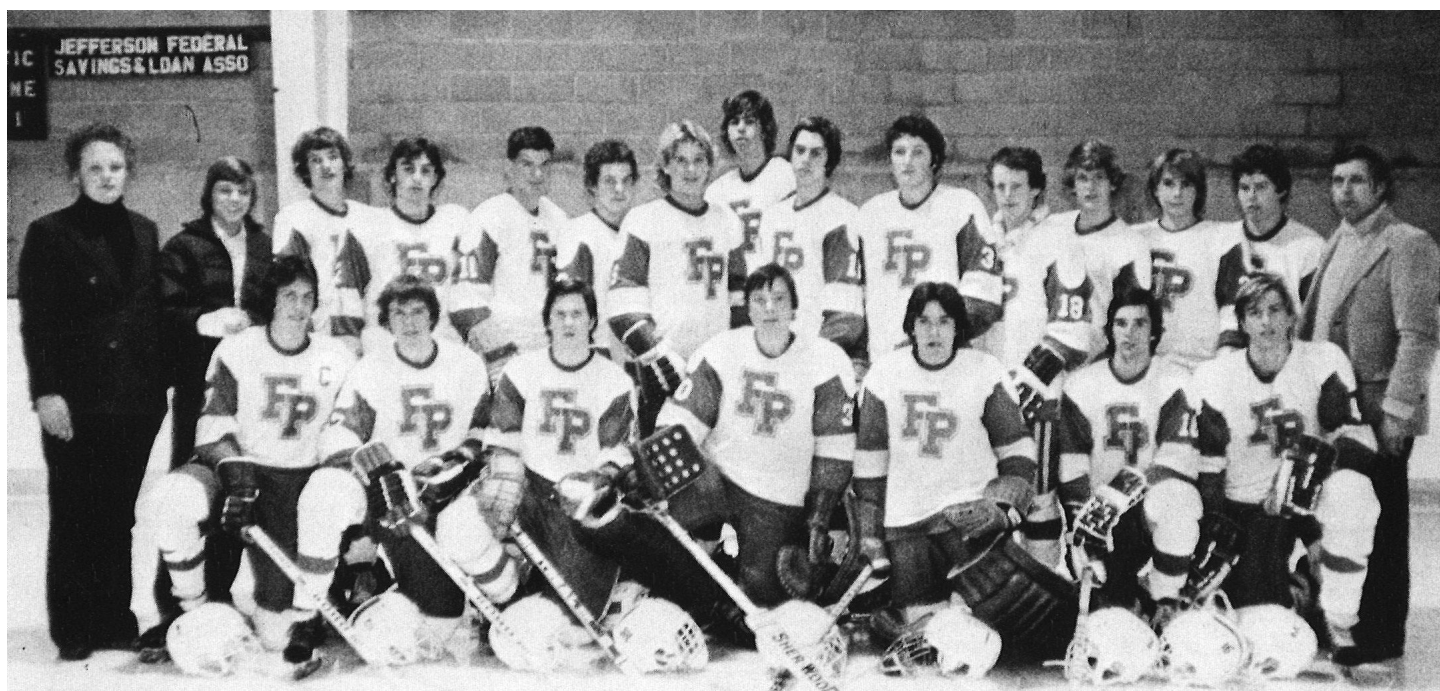


Thank You Lou!

A million thanks to retired Connecticut sports writer **Lou Pintek '72**, well-known from his career at the *Bridgeport/Connecticut Post*, for contributing this Prep Hockey Retrospective.

He culled huge amounts of historical information with personal interviews to report on the sports legends of the past, and their memories and paths. Much information was also gathered from the *Hearthstone* yearbooks and news articles and clippings from the last 50 years.

1977



FRONT ROW: CAPTAIN MARK ROY, JOHN McCARThY, JOHN McMAHON, BOB OVERTON, MIKE PRIBESH, PAUL JACOB, TOM SKARZYNSKI. BACK ROW: MANAGER MIKE McDOUGALL, BOB VIETZ, TOM WALSH, ASSISTANT CAPTAINS BILL VIETZ AND JOE MOTHERWAY, ROB O'CONNOR, BRAD BOWEN, BILL JENKINS, BRIAN CASL, DOUG BANQUER, DREW BURNS, BILL GODBOUT, MARK KRISTOFF, MIKE DUSHAY, COACH ROOS

1979



VARSITY – Kneeling: BOB TAGLIAFERI, PAT KENNEDY, RICH FARACE, KEVIN MARTIN, JAMIE DORE, BILL GODBOUT, RICH CARBONE. Middle: MGR. MIKE MALONEY, TRAINER JOHN KROZIER, HUGH CURRAN, MIKE DUSHAY, BOB BOZYM, BRIAN CASL, STEVE FALCONE, ROGER McKNIGHT, DAN DUNN, MARK JELENIK, FRANK MARTIN, STATISTICIAN JOE ALBERTI. Back: MGR. KEVIN BOWLER, MARK KRISTOFF, CAPTAIN DREW BURNS, CAPTAIN DOUG BANQUER, CAPTAIN BILL ROBINSON, JOHN SILETTO, JOE McKNIGHT, COACH MARTY ROOS.

1980



First Row: Bob Tagliaferi, Bill Godbout (Capt), Kevin Martin, Mike Dushay (Capt), Rich Farace, John Siletto (Capt), Hugh Curran
 Second Row: Sean McDonough (Statistician), Bob Bozym, Frank Martin, Mark Kristoff, Pat McCarthy, Roger McKnight, Rich Carbone, Mark Jelenik, Marty Roos.
 Third Row: John Hummel (Mgr), Dan Dunn, Steve Falcone, Pat Kennedy, Brian Casl, Brad Seitz, Mike Tracy, Mike Maloney (Mgr)
 Missing Dave Lutar (Asst coach).

1981



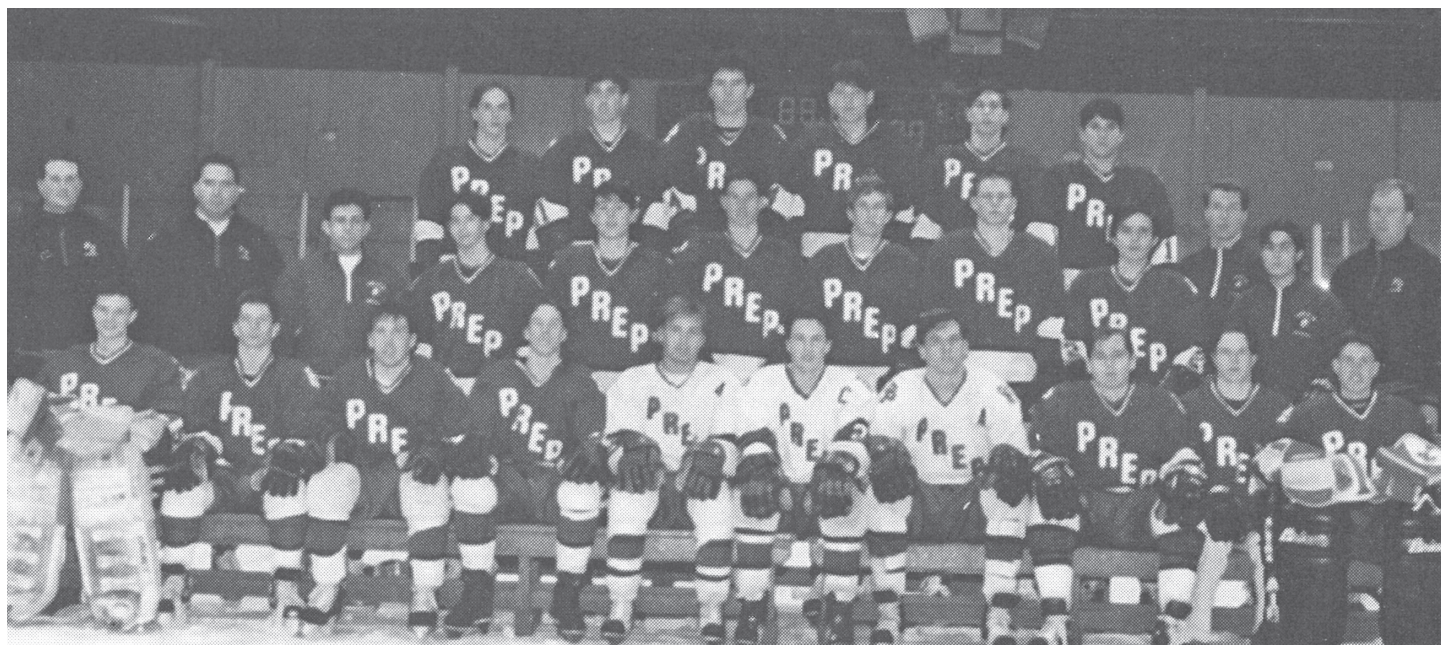
First row: Brad Seitz, Bob Tagliaferi, Charles Galgano, Steve Falcone, Pat Kennedy, Kevin Martin, Mark Jelenik, Rich Carbone
 Second row: Dave Lutar(coach), Dave Rapillo, Mark Farrell, Mike Doyle, Danny Collins, Gary McGovern, Chad Jacobs, Mike Maloney, Marty Roos (coach)
 Third row: Mike Tracey, Kevin Powell, Jim Franko, Tom Christiano, Pat McCarthy, Brian O'Connor, Danny Dunn

1991



Row 1: C. Massey, C. Drury, J. Reese, R. Mauritz, M. Sather, J. Roos, G. Mello. Row 2: Coach K. Johnson, K. O'Connor, B. Hebert, S. Kyle, J. Budnick, S. Eagan, W. Towle, M. Maturo, Coach Lavigne, Coach Brennan. Row 3: J. DePalma, D. Mastriano, L. McCarthy, D. Woodward, M. Whittier, B. Hassinger, S. Jaques, J. Solkoske.

1995



Seated: J. Donnelly, A. Waldera, D. O'Niell, C. Molyneux, B. Kapteina, M. Peroni, B. McShane, C. Remsen, M. Holub, S. Jacob. Middle: R. Bernier, P. LaVigne, J. Perillo, K. Altieri, J. Longo, T. Jacob, P. Scott, W. Morris, J. Mello, D. Fish, W. DeMayo, A. Brink. Back: D. Mello, D. Turrentine, J. Heffers, A. Townsend, M. Macleod, M. Marella.

1996



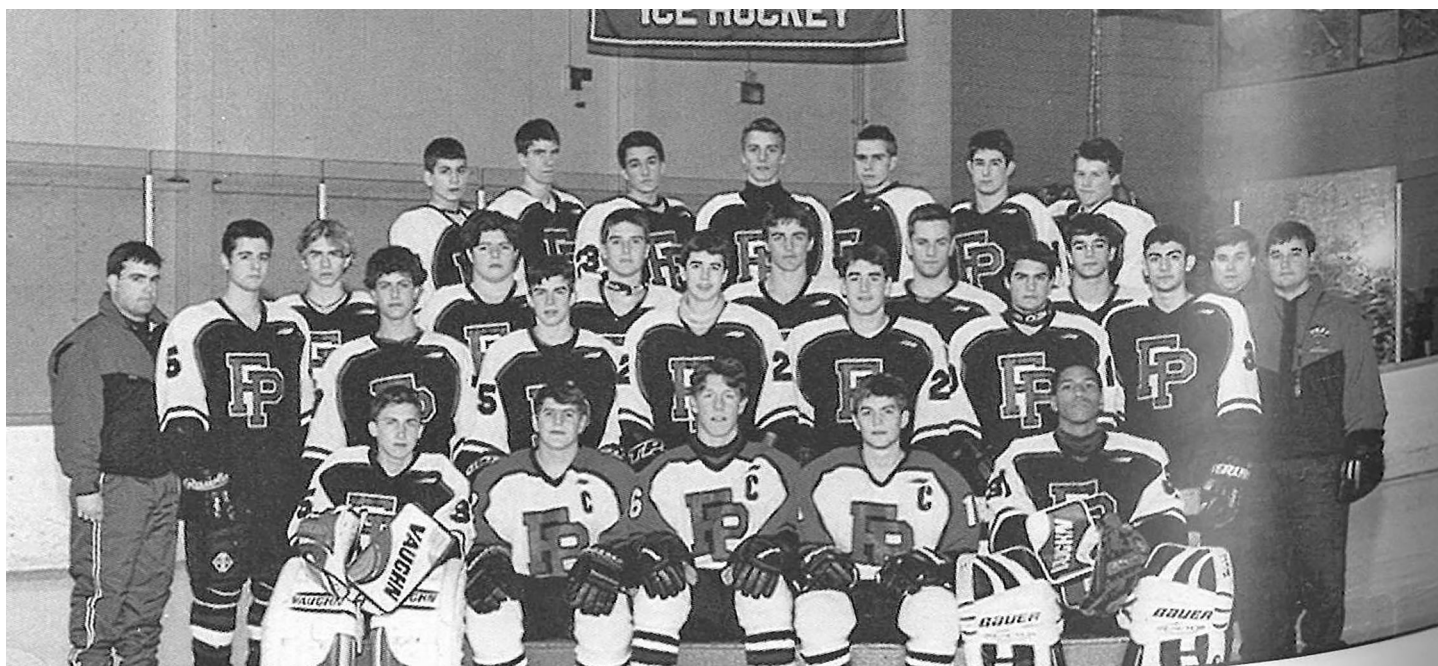
Seated: Scott Jacob, Dan Turrentine, Capt. Bill Morris, Capt. Matt MacLeod, Capt. Mike Marella, Tory Jacob, Brian Budnick. Middle Row: Coach Peter Lavigne, Josh Mello, Peter Scott, Dustin Mello, Andy Townsend, John Heffers, Ken Mitchell, Rick Chu, Nick Lardis, Dan Rodrigue and Asst. Coach Bob Bernier. Top Row: Manager Kevin Kozlowski, Jake Sifers, Michael McDonald, Shaun Molyneux, Dave Saunders, John Longo, Kieran Altieri, Matt Fischer and Statistician Bill Demayo. Missing from picture: Asst. Coach Adolf Brink.

2000



Back Row: David Beckles, Austin Bussen, Scott McDonald, Vin O'Hara, Mickey Girardi, Anthony Jannetta, Conor Gleason Middle Row: Travis Cooke, Chris Thurston, Mike Cruz, Rob D'Amato, Joe Deck, Matt Altieri, Colin Macleod, Brian Walsh Sitting: Charlie Rochlin, Brett Kapteina, Kevin Brawley, Dan Nemcheck, Mike Healey, Morgan Lewis, Kevin Altieri, Ryan Birge, Greg Martino.

2001



Back Row: Kyle Mills, Chris Thurston, Charlie Rochlin, Travis Cooke, Greg Mitchell, Pat Mellilo, Ryan Lynch. 3rd Row: Conor Gleason, Austin Bussen, Vin O'Hara, Dylan Cooke, Anthony Janetta, Colin Macleod, Coach Ryan. 2nd Row: Coach Mauritz, Scott McDonald, Brett Kapteina, Brian Black, Colby Dennison, Matt Altieri, Greg Martino, Rob D'Amato, Coach Sather. Sitting: Matt Signore, Joe Deck, Mickey Girardi, Mike Cruz, Dave Beckles.

2004



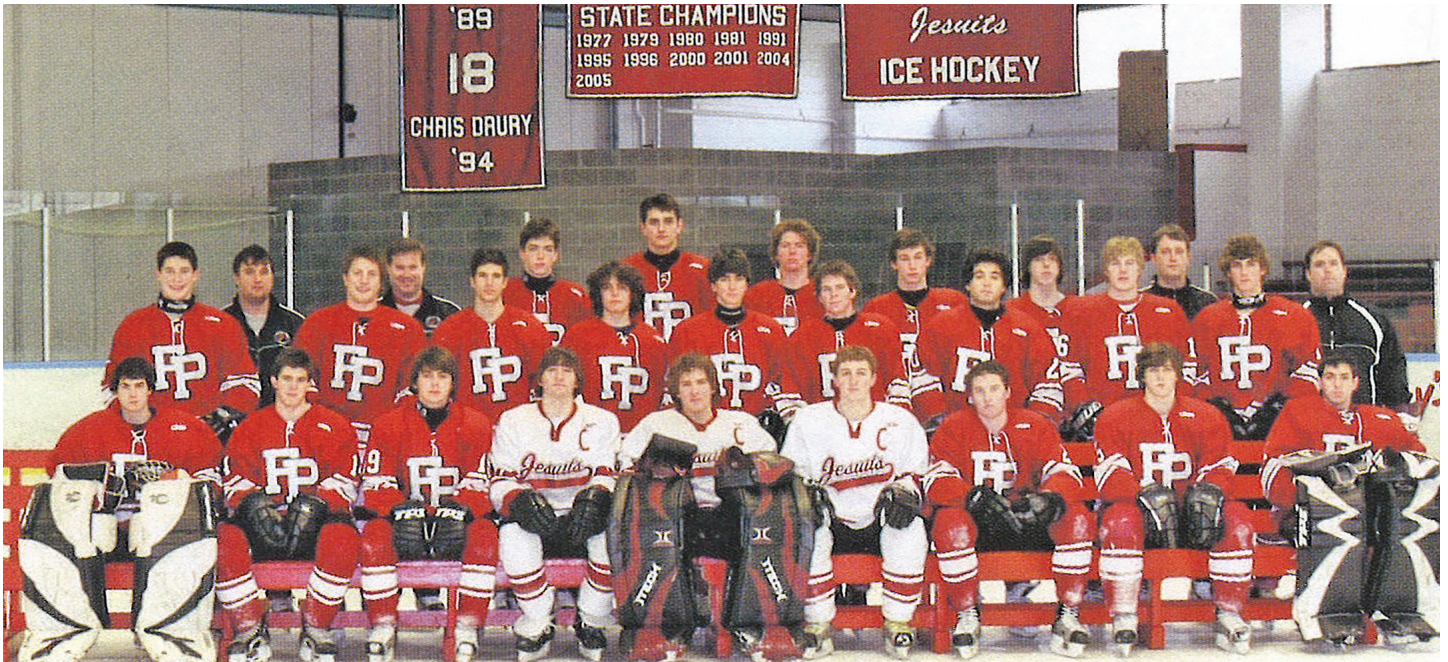
First Row: Kevin Carey, Andrew Cunningham, J. P. Hansen, Jesse Weinzimmer (Captain), Ryan Lynch, David Arcobello (Captain), Brendan O'Hara, Mike Ripley, Johnny Vazzano. Second Row: Head Coach Matt Sather, Ryan Corcoran, Zack Helm, Steve Osipow, Jonathan Cox, Steve Thurston, Mark Arcobello, Matt Helderman, Matt Improta, Connor Antisdale, Joe Johnson, Ryan Miniaci, Asst. Coach Pat Ryan, Manager Greg Hirshorn. Third Row: Associate Head Coach Rudy Mauritz, Dan Diotalevi, Ryan Hayes, Doug Martin, Goalie Coach Tim Sather.

2005



Front Row: John Vazzano, Pat Bourque, Doug Martin, Zach Helm, Steve Osipow (Captain), Kevin Carey, Steve Thurston (Captain), Dan Diotalevi, Sean Dennison, Ryan Garvin. Second Row: Associate Head Coach Rudy Mauritz, Matt Improta, Head Coach Matt Sather, Steve Maier, Dave Wirkus, Mark Arcobello, Connor Antisdale, Dave Osipow, Matt Helderma, Ken Stern, Ryan Hayes, Tom Raccuia, Derek Summerlin, Jonathan Cox, Assistant Coach Pat Ryan, Goalie Coach Tim Sather.

2007



Front Row: Chris Van Hise, Ryan Ralston, Luke Lavoie, Dave Wirkus, Ryan Garvin, Jon Cox, Kevin Dishon, William Lomas, John Errico. Second Row: Darric White, Matt Bean, Dave Osipow, Paul Mignone, Brad Improta, Chris Cotter, Nick Horvath, Paul Tropsa, Alex Zeiss. Third Row: Coach Matt Sather, Coach Pat Ryan, Brendan Hayes, Philip Tapia, Rob Summerlin, Tom McGarrity, Max Heaton, Coach Tim Ryan, Coach Rudy Mauritz.

2008



Front Row: Ethan Enriquez, Alex Zeiss, Paul Mignone, Robert Summerlin (Captain), John Errico, Paul Tropsa (Captain), Quinn Zimmer, Brendan Hayes, Spencer Sodokoff. Middle Row: Rudy Mauritz (Assistant Head Coach), Darric White, John Griffin, James Horne, Steve Puffer, Joe Bastone, Michael Tirone, Kyle Garvin, Nick Downing. Back Row: Matthew Sather (Head Coach), Will Lomas, Colin Sullivan, Glenn Maiorano, Jackson Bargiello, Josh Roberts, Tom McGarrity, Tim Sater (Goalie Coach), Pat Ryan (Assistant Coach).

2011



Varsity Team Roster: Andrew Hatton, Sean Henry, Nicholas Downing, Kevin Brown, William D'Amore, David White, Anthony Unker, Connor Henry, Patrick Hayes, Donald Carnicky, Craig Puffer, Bryan Puffer, Nicholas Bargiello, Raymond Boudiette, David Griffin, Evan Antisdale, Matthew Brophy, Conor Peterson, Liam Ferguson, Thomas Worsfold, Matthew Beck, Riley Wikman, John Galiani.

2013



Varsity Team Roster: Co-Captains: Sean Henry, David White, Connor Henry. Jack Taubl, Andrew Hatton, Matthew Wikman, Brandon Powell, Kevin Brown, William D'Amore, Nicholas Bargiello, John Quinn, Aidan Rush, Kenneth Kochiss, Ryan Deering, Steven Bayles, Timothy Edmonds, Bryan Connell, Dean Lockery, Brendan Killoy, Michael Ventricelli, Matthew McKinney, Matthew Beck, Christopher Gutierrez.

2014



Varsity Team Roster: Co-Captains: Matthew Wikman, Kenneth Kochis, Dean Lockery. Jack Taubl, Burke Smith, Matthew Wikman, Brandon Powell, Vincent D'Amore, William Overby, Justin Blanchette, John Quinn, William Dempsey, Kenneth Kochiss, John Hoey, Ryan Deering, Steven Bayles, Geoffrey Hadden, Bryan Connell, Dean Lockery, Brendan Killoy, Michael Ventricelli, Matthew McKinney, Jack McGowen, William Schlichtig, Matthew Beck, Christopher Gutierrez.

2018



Varsity Team Roster: Colin Bella, Devin Blanchette, Connor Boyle, John Carroll, Cole Casl, Skyler Celotto, Anthony Clericuzio, Ryan Dowd, Chandler Dumont, Ryan Eckert, Evan Farruggio, Matthew Kernaghan, Carter Kral, Joseph Mancini, John McGee, Shane Murphy, Kevin Oricoli, Calyb Reeves, Evangelos Uva, Jake Walker, Matthew Wenger, Mason Whitney.

2019



Varsity Team Roster: Coaches: Matt Sather '93, Rudy Mauritz '94, Tim Sather and Pat Ryan '86. Matt Ambrosio, Lucas Baksay, Colin Bella, Connor Boyle, Seamus Carolan, Jack Carroll, Anthony Clericuzio, Peter DiDomenico, Chandler DuMont, Cooper Eckert, Jack Esse, Evan Farruggio, Teddy Gravanis, Tommy Martin, Luke Noonan, Thomas Quinn, Calyb Reeves, Aksel Sather, Andrew Stietzel, Roberts Viguls, Jake Walker, Matt Wenger, Mason Whitney.

COVID Cross-Checks Super Seasons for 2020 and 2021

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2019-20 and 2020-21 hockey seasons both ended abruptly. The 2020 team earned an SCC Championship, defeating Notre Dame West Haven 3-2 in OT, before the state playoff season was canceled. They ended their run ranked #1 in the CIAC. The following year, the 2021 team posted another impressive

season, finishing with a 11-1-1 record and ranked as the top team in the CIAC for the 4th consecutive season. The Jesuits were named SCC Co-Champions and the CIAC did not have a State Tournaments due to the shortened season. Overall, two great Jesuits hockey teams carried on the tradition of Fairfield Prep Hockey excellence.

2020



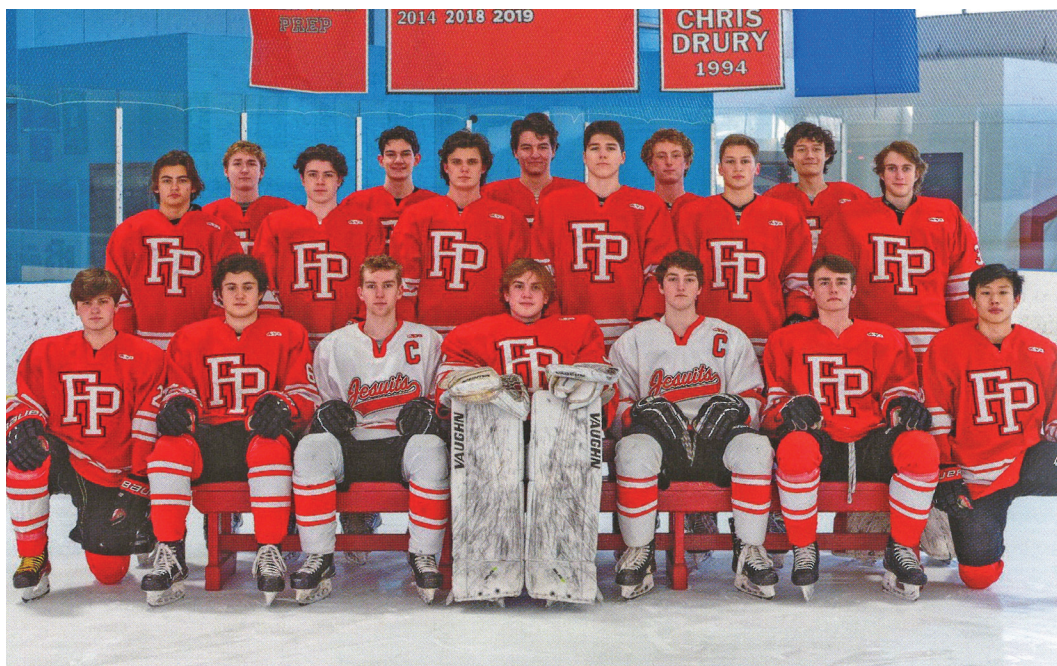
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Coaches: Matt Sather '93, Rudy Mauritz '94, Pat Ryan '86, Tim Sather.

SCC CHAMPIONS

- **Mason Whitney**, All-SCC First Team, SCC Player of the Year, CHSCA Division 1 All State First Team
- **Andrew Stietzel**, All-SCC First Team, SCC Winter Scholar Athlete, CHSCA Division 1 All State First Team
- **Cooper Eckert**, All-SCC First Team, CHSCA Division 1 All State First Team

2021



Varsity Team Roster: Nick Ambrosio, Joey Bisset, Jack Bowery, Kyle Colucci, Tiernan Curley, Luke Giardina, Teddy Gravanis, Will Huntington, Alex Joliet, Henry Keller, Connor Mahoney, Tommy Martin, Luke Noonan, Aksel Sather, Matt Vinoski, Jason Wegiel, Mason Whitney, Aaron Wong. Coaches: Matt Sather '93, Rudy Mauritz '94, Pat Ryan '86, Tim Sather.

SCC CO-CHAMPIONS SCC REGULAR SEASON CHAMPIONS

- **Mason Whitney '21**
Academic All-State
CHSCA All-State
CTHS Player of the Year
SCC Player of the Year
GametimeCT All-State
(Hearst CT Media)
All-State and Player of the Year
- **Tommy Martin '21**
CHSCA All-State
CHSCA Goalie of the Year
CTHS Hockey Goalie of the Year
All-SCC
GametimeCT All-State
- **Luke Noonan '22**
CHSCA All-State
All-SCC
- **Tiernan Curley '22**
GametimeCT All-State
- **Aaron Wong '21**
CT Hobey Baker Award

PREP HOCKEY History and Records



**CIAC STATE
CHAMPIONS**

2019, 2018, 2014, 2013, 2011, 2008, 2007, 2005, 2004,
2001, 2000, 1996, 1995, 1991, 1981, 1980, 1979, 1977

CIAC TOURNAMENT APPEARANCES

- ★ **2019: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Notre Dame - West Haven, 5-2
- ★ **2018: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Greenwich, 4-2
- 2017: Division I Quarterfinals**
Ridgefield defeated Fairfield Prep, 4-3 in OT
- 2016: Division I Championship**
Darien defeated Fairfield Prep, 4-2
- 2015: Division 1 Quarterfinal**
Greenwich defeated Fairfield Prep, 5-3
- ★ **2014: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Darien, 2-1, in OT
- ★ **2013: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Notre Dame, 3-2
- 2012: Division I Semifinal**
Glastonbury defeated Fairfield Prep, 5-4
- ★ **2011: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated St. Joseph, 5-0
- 2010: Division I Championship**
Hamden defeated Fairfield Prep, 6-5
- 2009: Division I First Round**
N.D.-West Haven defeated Fairfield Prep, 2-1
- ★ **2008: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Notre Dame-Fairfield, 5-3
- ★ **2007: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Notre Dame-Fairfield, 3-2 in OT
- 2006: Division I Quarterfinals**
N.D.-Fairfield defeated Fairfield Prep, 4-3
- ★ **2005: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Notre Dame-WH, 4-1
- ★ **2004: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Notre Dame-WH, 3-1
- 2003: Division I Semifinal**
Simsbury defeated Fairfield Prep, 1-0 in OT
- 2002: Division I Quarterfinal**
N.D.-West Haven defeated Fairfield Prep, 7-2
- ★ **2001: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Notre Dame-WH, 8-0
- ★ **2000: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Greenwich, 2-0
- 1999: Division I Quarterfinal**
Greenwich defeated Fairfield Prep, 4-2
- 1998: Division I Semifinal**
New Canaan defeated Fairfield Prep, 3-2 in OT
- 1997: Division I Semifinal**
N.D.-West Haven defeated Fairfield Prep, 4-2
- ★ **1996: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated New Canaan, 3-0
- ★ **1995: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated New Canaan, 6-1
- 1994: Division I Semifinal**
West Haven defeated Fairfield Prep, 5-3
- 1993: Division I Semifinal**
N.D.-West Haven defeated Fairfield Prep, 6-4
- 1992: Division I Championship**
Greenwich defeated Fairfield Prep, 3-2
- ★ **1991: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Hamden, 3-1
- 1990: Division I First Round**
West Haven defeated Fairfield Prep, 8-1
- 1989: Division I Semifinal**
Hamden defeated Fairfield Prep, 2-1
- 1988: Division I Quarterfinal**
New Milford defeated Fairfield Prep, 5-3
- 1987: Division I Semifinal**
Darien defeated Fairfield Prep, 7-4
- 1986: Division I First Round**
Notre Dame defeated Fairfield Prep, 8-4
- 1985: Division I Quarterfinals**
Notre Dame defeated Fairfield Prep, 10-0
- 1983: Division I Semifinals**
Notre Dame defeated Fairfield Prep, 5-3
- 1982: Division I First Round**
Suffield defeated Fairfield Prep, 4-2
- ★ **1981: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Hamden, 3-2
- ★ **1980: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Amity, 3-1
- ★ **1979: Division I Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Cheshire, 3-2
- 1978: Division I Championship**
Cheshire defeated Fairfield Prep, 6-5
- ★ **1977: Division II Championship**
Fairfield Prep defeated Cheshire, 4-3



SCC DIVISIONAL CHAMPIONS

**2015-16, 2014, 2013, 2012,
2007, 2006, 2005, 2004,
2001, 1999, 1997, 1995**

- ★ **2015-16:** Fairfield Prep (5-0)
- ★ **2014:** Fairfield Prep (5-1)
- ★ **2013:** Fairfield Prep (7-0)
- ★ **2012:** Fairfield Prep (7-1)
- 2010:** West Haven, Fairfield Prep (5-1)
- ★ **2007:** Fairfield Prep (7-0-1)
- ★ **2006:** Fairfield Prep (7-1)
- ★ **2005:** Fairfield Prep (5-1-1)
- ★ **2004:** Fairfield Prep (6-0)
- ★ **2001:** Fairfield Prep (5-0-1)
- ★ **1999:** Fairfield Prep (12-0)
- ★ **1997:** Fairfield Prep (9-0-1)
- ★ **1995:** Fairfield Prep (5-1)



SCC TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

**2020, 2018, 2016,
2013, 1997**

- ★ **2020: Championship**
Fairfield Prep 3, Hamden 2
OT - shootout 3-0
- 2019: Championship**
Hamden 1, Fairfield Prep 0
- ★ **2018: Championship**
Fairfield Prep 5, NDWH 0
- ★ **2016: Championship**
Fairfield Prep 4, Xavier 3
- ★ **2013: Championship**
Fairfield Prep 6, Notre Dame 2
- 1999: Championship**
Notre Dame 7, Fairfield Prep 3
- 1998: Championship**
#3 Notre Dame 5,
#2 Fairfield Prep 1
- ★ **1997: Championship**
Fairfield Prep 5, Notre Dame 2



CONNECTICUT DIVISION I PLAYER OF YEAR

1981: Kevin Martin	2004: Dave Arcobello	2011: Bryan Puffer
1989: Ted Drury	2005: Mark Arcobello	2012: David White
1994: Chris Drury	2007: Jonathan Cox and Ryan Garvin	2013: David White
1996: Matt Macleod	2008: Rob Summerlin	2014: Matt Wikman
2000: Mike Healey	2010: Darric White	
2001: Micky Girardi		



CONNECTICUT DIVISION I ALL STATE

1980: Kevin Martin	2006: Kevin Carey, Doug Martin
1981: Dan Dunn, Steve Falcone, Mark Jelenik, Pat Kennedy, Kevin Martin	2007: Chris Cotter, Jonathan Cox, Ryan Garvin, Dave Osipow, Rob Summerlin, Dave Wirkus
1987: Ted Drury, John Sather	2008: John Errico, Rob Summerlin, Paul Tropsa, Darric White
1988: Ted Drury, Art Gravanis, John Sather	2009: Will Lomas, Colin Sullivan, Darric White
1989: Darren D'Amato, Ted Drury, Craig Duddy, John Lasher	2010: Jackson Bargiello, Luke Dennison, Spencer Sodokoff, Darric White
1990: Dave Woodward	2011: John Galiani, Bryan Puffer, A.J. Unker, David White, Tom Worsfold
1991: Dave Woodward	2012: AJ Unker, David White, Riley Wikman, Tom Worsfold
1993: Chris Drury	2013: Matt Beck, Billy D'Amore, Connor Henry, Sean Henry, David White
1994: Chris Drury, Rudy Mauritz	2014: Brendan Killooy, Kenny Kochiss, Matt Wikman
1995: Scott Jacob, Brendan Kapteina, Matt Macleod, Chris Molyneux	2015: Vinny D'Amore, Ryan Deering
1996: Scott Jacob, Matt Macleod, Andy Townsend	2016: Justin Blanchette, Chris Kral
1997: Scott Jacob, John Longo, Andy Townsend	2018: Jack McGee, Skyler Celotto, Cole Casl
1998: Mike Healey, Morgan Lewis, Jaime Sifers	2019: 1st Team - Colin Bella; 2nd Team Jake Walker, Connor Boyle, Calyb Reeves
1999: Bobby Gillon, Mike Healey, Jaime Sifers	2020: 1st Team - Mason Whitney, Andrew Steitzel, Cooper Eckert
2000: Joe Deck, Micky Girardi, Mike Healey, Dan Nemchek	2021: 1st Team - Luke Noonan, Mason Whitney; 2nd Team Tommy Martin
2001: Dave Beckles, Mike Cruz, Joe Deck, Micky Girardi	
2002: Brett Kapteina, Colin Macleod	
2003: Kyle Mills, Chris Thurston	
2004: Dave Arcobello, Mark Arcobello, Jesse Weinzimmer	
2005: Mark Arcobello, Kevin Carey, Steve Thurston	



Gametime CT CT Player of the Year

2020-21:
Mason Whitney

Gametime CT 1st Team All State

2020-21:
Mason Whitney
Tiernan Curley
Tommy Martin

SCC Player of the Year

2019-20:
Mason Whitney
2020-21:
Mason Whitney



CONNECTICUT DIVISION I ALL SCC CONFERENCE

2019-20: 1st Team: Mason Whitney,
Cooper Eckert, Andrew Stietzel

2018-19: 1st Team: Colin LaBella
2nd Team: Calyb Reeves,
Connor Boyle, Jake Walker

2017-18: 1st Team:
Skyler Celotto: Forward,
Cole Cast: Defense,
Jack McGee: Goalie

2016-17: 2nd Team:
Chris Brown: Defense

2015-16: 1st Team:
Justin Blanchette: Forward
2nd Team: Chris Kral: Forward,
Will Schlichtig: Defense

2014-15: 1st Team:
Forward: Ryan Deering
2nd Team:
Defense: Vinny D'Amore

2013-14: 1st Team: Brendan Killoy,
Matt Wikman
2nd Team: Matt Beck

2012-13: 1st Team: David White,
Sean Henry, Matt Beck
2nd Team: Connor Henry

2011-12: 1st Team: David White,
Tom Worsford
2nd Team: AJ Unker

2010-11: 1st Team: Bryan Puffer,
Tom Worsford
2nd Team: John Galiani

2009-10: 1st Team: Spencer Sodokoff,
Darric White

2008-09: 1st Team: Colin Sullivan,
Darric White
2nd Team: Jackson Bargiello,
Alex Zeiss

2007-08: 2nd Team: Paul Tropsa,
Robert Summerlin

2006-07: 1st Team: Goalie: Ryan Garvin,
Defense Dave Wirkus
Forward: Jonathan Cox

2005-06: 1st Team: Goalie: Kevin Carey,
Forward: Doug Martin
2nd Team:
Forward: Connor Antisdale

2004-05: 1st Team:
Defense: Steve Thurston,
Forward: Mark Arcobello
2nd Team:
Forward: Steve Osipow

2003-04: Defense: Steve Thurston
Forward: Jesse Weinzimmer

2002-03: Defense: Kyle Mills
Forward: Chris Thurston

2001-02: Defense: Colin Macleod

2000-01: Forward: Mickey Girardi

1999-00: Forward: Mickey Girardi

1998-99: Goalie: Mike Healey
Defense: Bob Gillon

1997-98: Defense: James Sifers

1996-97: Goalie: Scott Jacob
(Fairfield Prep)
Defense: Andy Townsend
(Fairfield Prep)
Forward: John Longo

1995-96: Defense: Andrew Townsend
Forward: Matt MacLeod

★ TITLES

Division I State Champions

1979, 1980, 1981, 1991, 1995, 1996,
2000, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008,
2011, 2013, 2014, 2018, 2019

Division I Runner-up

1978, 1992, 2010, 2015, 2016

Division II State Champions

1977

SCC Tournament Champions

1997, 2013, 2016, 2018, 2020

SCC Divisional Champions

1995, 1997, 1999, 2001, 2004, 2005,
2006, 2007, 2010, 2012, 2013, 2014,
2016, 2019



THE COACHES

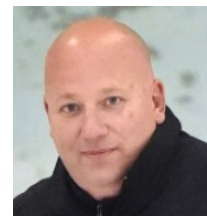
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