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# Sacred Heart's Gatling saving best for last

Sacred Heart University senior basketball co-captain Keith Gatling apparently has been saving his best for last. Gatling, a New Brighton resident, had two of his better games of the season last weekend in helping lead the Pioneers into the Final Eight of the NCAA Division II tournament, which begins tonight in Springfield, Mass.



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Gatling scored 11 points and grabbed seven rebounds in a 108-88 victory over Bentley (Mass.) College, and followed with 13 points and eight rebounds in a 68-57 win over the University of Bridgeport (Conn.) for the New England region championship. "We wouldn't have won the title if Gatling hadn't shown up," praised Sacred Heart coach Dave Biko after the Fairfield, Conn. school made its 10th NCAA appearance in the last 12 seasons. "I think he knew what it took to get to Springfield."

Tonight, Sacred Heart (22-9) faces North Carolina Central (25-4). In other quarter-final games, Wisconsin-Milwaukee (24-4) plays Jacksonville (Ala.) St. (26-4) faces Kentucky Wesleyan (24-4) and California-Riverside (27-4) takes on Millersville, Pa. (26-6). Gatling's late-season resurgence has corresponded with his team's awakening. After a 9-8 start, the Pioneers have won 13 of their last 14 games, highlighted by an 11-game winning streak. "We put ourselves in a position to be lucky," said Biko. "For Gatling, who's on target to earn a degree in business management this summer, it might be better to call it good timing. He was the player, after all, who set the screen (freeing a teammate for the winning basket in the regional final). It was a case of saving the best for last."

Men's college basketball:  
Yale University senior forward

Mike Ryan (Moore Catholic) averaged 10.5 points and 5.0 rebounds for the Elis, who were 6-8 in Ivy League play and 11-17 overall. Ryan, a Phi Beta Kappa economics major, earlier had been named to the GTE Academic All-American team. He also was the only Yale player to start all 28 games and scored in double figures in each of his last 18 games.

Manhattan College senior captain Mike Dunn (St. Peter's HS) led the Jaspers with 29 steals and was second with 73 assists. Dunn averaged 5.0 points and 1.6 rebounds, starting 24 of 26 games.

Women's college basketball:  
Fordham University senior guard Jeanine Radice (St. Joseph-by-the-Sea) finished her career with 3.1 points in four seasons, ranking second on the school's all-time scoring list. Radice is the career leader in scoring average (21.8 ppg), free-throw percentage (52.1 of 61.2, 85.1 percent) and most points in a game (40). She's second in steals, assists, and field goals and free throws made. The Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Player of the Year finished the season with a 23.7 ppg average while shooting 49.1 percent (267 of 537) from the floor and 89.9 percent (158 of 176) from the line.



Keith Gatling  
In Division II quarters

(ic) started all 27 games for the Lady Broncos, averaging 5.7 points and 4.5 assists per game. Keane scored 13 points and had three assists in a season-ending playoff loss to East Coast Conference champion Delaware. "Ellen's a pure point guard," said Rider coach Ray Wilson. "She sees the floor very well, is a great passer, handles the ball well, and gets the ball to the scorers."

College gymnastics:  
Kent State (Ohio) junior Mike Newsworthy (Sussex Wagner HS) remains in contention for a berth

in the NCAA Division I Championships (April 13-15), ranking among the top five in the Midwest Region's floor exercise. Newsworthy, who will compete in this weekend's National Independent College Championships at Houston Baptist University, scored a season-best 9.1 in a meet against Michigan, Western Michigan and Wisconsin-Oshkosh.

University of Illinois sophomore Dominick Minicucci (Susan Wagner HS) will be entered in this weekend's Big Ten Championships at Madison, Wis. Minicucci, who has returned to competition following shoulder surgery, placed 67th in the all-around at the Olympic Summer Games in Seoul.

College tennis:  
Florida State freshman Neil Krivsky (Trentonville HS) has a 6-1 record as the No. 2 singles player for the Seminoles.



Mike Ryan  
Storied 'em all

Racquetball:  
Sandy Monchik of Pleasant Plains captured the Bart Sports Westchester Open A Division title at the Pelham, N.Y., Racquetball and Health Club Monchik, a Totterville HS freshman, defeated five opponents, including a 15-4, 15-7 victory over Dave Leary of New Jersey in the championship contest.

## Local bowling

# Laursen wins SIWBA all-events title again

By JOE D'AMODIO  
ADVANCE STAFF WRITER

When it comes to bowling, Naz Laursen never ceases to amaze. Her latest feat — a second straight all-events championship in the Staten Island Bowling Association's 41st Annual Tournament — is just another indication of what the right-hander is capable of doing. In winning her second straight all-events title, Laursen joined Grace Vigliotti and Fran Pedreira as the only women to win consecutive titles. Vigliotti did it in 1962-63, while Pedreira won in 1969-70.

"I'm happy to win a tournament as prestigious as this," said Laursen, the manager at Country Lanes. "Winning it twice and joining that elite pair is even nicer." Laursen, who entered the tourney with a 191 average, credits the all-events competition for her success. "I think I'm at an advantage because the event is scratch," Laursen explained. "The better bowlers have an advantage and the more games it involves the more of an advantage they have. But anybody can beat anyone on a given day."

Laursen's victory comes on the heels of a major transition something she thought would keep her out of the top position. "I changed my game," said Laursen, who credits her husband Ray, the house pro at Country, with helping with the transformation. "I learned to hold the ball lower. I had a problem with my arm swing. My push away was inconsistent and it caused the trajectory of the ball to be erratic. So, I tried to make my swing as simple as possible."

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## Local roundup

# Pirate Purple edges Falcons

By ADVANCE STAFF WRITER

BAYONNE — Steve Gurenieri fired in a pair of goals as the Pirate Purple edged the Falcons 2-1 in the first round of the Staten Island Ice Hockey Association Junior Varsity playoffs last night at Bayonne HS.

Frank D'Alenandro and Anthony Alberto scored the other goals and Josh Chalmers had two assists. Gary Gilinski stopped 22 shots for the Pirates, who face the Eagles Monday in the second round.

Soccer  
DALLAS — The Cosmopolitan Under-12 Select Team, snowed out Tuesday when an inch of snow covered the playing field, defeated the Dallas Cowboys 5-1 yesterday in Dallas Cup action.

Silver Lake kicker John Wolymiec assisted on all three goals scored by Johan Valentia of the Hota Bavaria team. The Cosmopolitan team, 1-1, plays the Oklahoma Ricks today.

## Pro tennis

# Connors, Lendl advance in \$2.1M tourney

By STEVEN WINE  
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KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. — Fourth-seeded Jimmy Connors won a first-set tie-breaker and beat 18-year-old Arnaud Boetsch of France 7-6, 6-1, 6-1 last night in the second round of the International Players Championships.

Connors joined top-seeded Ivan Lendl in advancing on the third day of the two-week tournament, winning the tie-breaker 7-3 and then dominating Boetsch the last two sets.

"He started out playing very well," the 36-year-old Connors said of his opponent. "The first set was a grind. There was a lot of good tennis played on both sides, but I think maybe he got a little tired."

Mary Joe Fernandez, the women's ninth seed, also won a night match at the International Tennis Center, beating Chachi Cavazzola of Switzerland 6-2, 7-5. Both her upset No. 14 Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden 6-7 (7-2), 6-4, 6-3.

Lendl was in straight sets over Jim Pugh, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1. Among the other men advancing were No. 13 Kevin Curren, who rallied from a two-set deficit, and No. 10 Aaron Krickstein. In women's play, sixth-seeded Manuela Maleeva and her sister, No. 8 Katerina Maleeva, both advanced.

Pugh, ranked 75th, scored only 25 points in Lendl's 12 service games and was aces seven times.

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Lewis Goldberg's high hit on the final shot of his third game yesterday cost him a 300 in the Solberg Memorial Junior League at Showplace Bowling Center.

The right-hander had to settle for a 299 when all but the 6-pin fell. The 16-year-old, who averages 146 in the league, finished the day with 688 pinfall. His other two games were 179 and 210 for a 710 total.

"I let up on the speed and it hit high," Goldberg said of his last shot. "It was only the third game I was using this ball (a new Victor) and I wasn't used to it."

Bob Barnes, competing in the Verrazano Travel League at Country Lanes, rolled a 794 series thanks to two games off 247. Last night's noteworthy scores, by lanes, were:

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Bowling on the Green  
Rural Roadhouse 301, Pat Schuman 200, Carolyn

Statis 198, 21 Ann Todd 191, Eileen Bala 210, Diana

Country Lane  
John Breaux 221, Anne Adams 206, Bob Barnes 247, 7-94, Bob Solberg 224-80, Rod Eddy 228, 247-84, Scott Barlow 223, 227-85, Adrienne

Adrienne Pacione 161, Donna Albanese 181, Barbara

Wesleyan 222, 24-80, Tim Pappas 188, 208-81, 208-82, 208-83, 208-84, 208-85, 208-86, 208-87, 208-88, 208-89, 208-90, 208-91, 208-92, 208-93, 208-94, 208-95, 208-96, 208-97, 208-98, 208-99, 208-100, 208-101, 208-102, 208-103, 208-104, 208-105, 208-106, 208-107, 208-108, 208-109, 208-110, 208-111, 208-112, 208-113, 208-114, 208-115, 208-116, 208-117, 208-118, 208-119, 208-120, 208-121, 208-122, 208-123, 208-124, 208-125, 208-126, 208-127, 208-128, 208-129, 208-130, 208-131, 208-132, 208-133, 208-134, 208-135, 208-136, 208-137, 208-138, 208-139, 208-140, 208-141, 208-142, 208-143, 208-144, 208-145, 208-146, 208-147, 208-148, 208-149, 208-150, 208-151, 208-152, 208-153, 208-154, 208-155, 208-156, 208-157, 208-158, 208-159, 208-160, 208-161, 208-162, 208-163, 208-164, 208-165, 208-166, 208-167, 208-168, 208-169, 208-170, 208-171, 208-172, 208-173, 208-174, 208-175, 208-176, 208-177, 208-178, 208-179, 208-180, 208-181, 208-182, 208-183, 208-184, 208-185, 208-186, 208-187, 208-188, 208-189, 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